BEIRUT (Agencies) — An Israeli mechanised force, backed by helicopter gunships, thrust into South Lebanon Tuesday and attacked a village where resistance fighters were believed to have bases. Beirut radio stations reported. They said the raiding force moved out of Israel's self-designated "security zone" on the border and encircled the village of Yohmor, about four kilometres north of the "security zone." The gunships swept in firing rockets on fundamentalist fighters of Hizbollah in gunships swept in firing rockets on fundamentalist figurers of right-hand in the village, the radios said. The radios made no mention of casualties. Meanwhile, 15 villagers expelled by Israel from the "security zone" were allowed back Tuesday, security sources reported. Lebanon last month protested at the United Nations over the expulsions from Shebaa village and called for the 15 to return. The sources said the group was sent to the town of Rashaya in the Bekaa Valley May 24 for refusing to cooperate with the Israeli-hacked South Lebanon Army (SIA) militia, which with with the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia, which with Israeli troops polices the border zone. The villagers said they were expelled for refusing to start a "civil administration" with the SLA.

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#### France, Iran discuss timetable for ties

PARIS (R) - France and Iran are discussing a timetable for restoring diplomatic relations after a nine-month break, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tues-day. But the spokesman declined to comment on a statement from Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Alireza Moayeri that full diplomatic ties would be established within a month.

#### 3 countries seek hostage release 'through Iran'

LONDON (AP) - The United States, Britain and West Germany have all initiated direct contacts with the Iranians in an effort to free their hostages in Lebanon, the Times of London reported Tuesday. In a frontpage story, the conservative daily quoted reliable sources in Beirut as saying the United States opened talks with Iranian officials almost two months ago in the hope of finding a "legal" formula to secure the release of the American bostages.-

#### Red Cross haits Ethiopia relief

GENEVA (R) - The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said Tuesday it was halting aid to millions facing starvation in northern Ethiopia after the government ordered all foreign ICRC staff to leave the region. "Finding it impossible to continue its operations of protection and help to the victims of the drought and conflicts in Eritrea and Tigray, the ICRC — guided only by the interest of the victims - has proposed to donor governments to transfer its food stocks and logistical equipment in Ethiopia to other organisations," the all-Swiss humanitarian agency said in a communique.

#### Soviet launch manned spacecraft

MOSCOW (AP) — A Bulgarian cosmonaut rocketed into a clear blue sky Tuesday along with two Soviets on the first manned space mission of 1988. Alexander Alexandrov, 36, of the Bulgarian town of Omurtag, and the two Soviets blasted off at 6:03 p.m. (1403 GMT) aboard a Soyuz TM-5 capsule from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Soviet Central Asia.

#### Gorbachev envoys to brief allies

MOSCOW (R) - Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev has sent personal envoys around the world to brief Soviet allies on the results of last week's superpower summit, Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said Tuesday. The envoys had a new title special representatives of the general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party — but he declined to say whether the new formula indicated a shift in Krem-

#### Greece said holding Palestinian suspect

WASHINGTON (AP) — Greece has seized a Palestinian suspected of involvement in the bombings of a Pan Am Jumbo jet in 1982 and of a TWA airliner in 1986 but is reluctant to extradite him. a U.S. official said Monday. The official said Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, the State Department's top "anti-terrorism" official, flew to Athens last week to press the Greek government to permit the extradition of Mohammad Rashid to the United States.

#### Somali rebels warn foreigners

NAIROBI (AP) — Somali rebels Tuesday warned evacuated expatriate workers not to return to the war-torn north of their country, saying they cannot guarantee the foreigners' safety. European Economic Community (EEC) countries Tuesday were preparing a joint protest against an ultimatum from President Móhammad Siad Barre's government for some 160 evacuated foreigners, mostly aid workers, to return to their posts by Wednesday or leave the country (See page

## King pays emotional tribute to Palestinian struggle for liberation

# Summit opens with calls for vigorous support for uprising

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

ALGIERS — Arab leaders opened an extraordinary Arab summit here Tuesday to discuss the Palestinian uprising in the Israelioccupied West Bank and Gaza Strip with calls by His Majesty King Hussein and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid for vigorous support for the seven-month-old anti-occupation revolt.



His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday meets with the Iraqi delegation to the Arab summit in Algiers headed by Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan (Petra photo)

Benjedid opened the meeting by asking Arab lenders to stand for one minute in reflection in

honour of the uprising.
The heads of 17 out of 20 Arab states, as well as Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat were at the opening. Iraq. Somalia and Oman were represented by senior officials.

Benjedid opened the summit with a new call for international recognition of the PLO.

"This is the key to any settle-ment of the Middle East problem." Benjedid said. He urged Arab leaders to unite

behind the PLO "and the Palestinians' determination to achieve their liberation.' Benjedid asked for support "in words and actions, because it is a

decisive turn and a radical development in the revolution." King Hussein described the uprising as "the path to liberation and dignity.

The King often paid an emotional tribute to the uprising and compared it to Algeria's battle for independence from France. 'We extended to our Algerian brothers all the support that we

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## Al Hussein hopes for success of summit

ALGIERS (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday expressed hope that the extraordinary Arab summit in Algiers would be successful in advancing the struggle for liberating the occupied Arab territories.

"We hope that the Arabs will be successful in the Algiers summit particularly at a time when the uprising - the Palestinian revolution — is continuing in the Palestinian land against the occupation and its practices." the King told Omani Television.

"We pray that God will help us so that we can work together to make this event lead to the termination of occupation and restoration of

Answering a question on the shape of aid expected from the summit to the uprising. His Majesty said: "This is what we will discuss in the summit. We have certain views that we will present. We will coordinate our stands with the stands of the sons of Palestine, their sole and legitimate representative. and the other Arab brothers."

Replying to another question, the King said that the superpowers' positions on the Arab-Israeli conflict had crystallised during last week's summit between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Moservi. "We have learned that there was agreement (between the U.S. and the Soviet

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# Al Bireh mayor stabbed

Hassan Al Tawil, was stabbed and seriously wounded outside his town hall in the occupied West Bank Tuesday after ignoring calls by Palestinian activists to

very critical but we are trying to of the nearby Ramallah hospital, underwent emergency surgery.

month-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza have

(Agencies) - The Israeli- tions of the unelected mayors of appointed mayor of Al Bireh, Al Bireh, Ramallah and Hebron. Witnesses quoted by news agencies said the assailant, who

An Israeli source said the stabbing

will have a very dramatic effect on other people being called upon to resign. They must be terribly scared now.

"day of rage" called for by the underground leadership of the uprising to mark the opening of the extraordinary Arab summit in

No incidents were reported from the Gaza Strip where the Jahaiya refugee camp was under curfew.

rol bomb destroyed a stand sell-ing cosmetics in Nablus outside hours allowed for business by the underground leadership. The sources said there were

also protests in Jenin, where a woman was treated for tear-gas inhalation, and in Amari and Israel army radio reported

Tuesday it received an anonymous telephone call claiming responsibility for the attack on Tawil. It said a man speaking Hebrew said: "We who are tired of the stone throwers stabbed ried out the attack.

counted the call, saying the attack was more likely the work of Palestinian nationalists.

On Monday, Israeli troops opened fire at Palestinian protesters in the Gaza Strip hours after an assistant U.S. secretary of month-old Palestinian child lost

Three other Palestinians were injured in protests in the Jabaliya refugee camp. In the West Bank, a 16-year-old Palestinian boy was wounded and an Israeli motorist injured in the face by a stone.

Pickering toured Gaza Strip to learn about the human rights

They spent two hours with senior army commanders and

#### Interest rate structure amended

## CBJ announces measures to control foreign exchange

AMMAN (Petra) — Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor Hussein Al Qassem Tuesday sent a memo to all commercial banks and financial companies outlining new regulations for dealing in foreign exchange. Following are the particulars of the memo:

The CBJ will daily announce selling and buying prices for the major foreign currencies. Licensed banks and financial companies should deal between themselves and with their customers within the range of the two prices. The CBJ move went into effect June 6, 1988. The CBJ will deal in foreign currencies listed on

its daily price bulletin against the Jordanian dinar with the licensed banks and financial companies on the basis of two days value date in Amman and/or at the country of the currency and/or at the country of the correspondent bank from the day of

The licensed bank of the financial company may sell the CBJ foreign currency with a value date falling at the same day of the deal or within a

working day if the licensed bank or financial company has registered this foreign currency for the CBJ account outside with a value date falling on the same day of the deal or the following working day. The equivalent of the sold currency in Jordanian dinars will be registered to the account of the licensed bank of financial company at the CBJ on the same date when the foreign currency was registered to the account of the CBJ on the books of its correspondent unless it is a holiday at the CBJ, in which case the amount will be registered the following day.

The minimum amounts that the Central Bank will deal with is \$100,000 or its equivalent in other foreign currencies listed in the daily CBJ bulletin. Selling and buying prices shall be governed by the daily CBJ bulletin.

The Central Bank shall not charge any commission or any other charges when buying or selling foreign currencies.

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#### King voices pride in Armed **Forces**

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein has sent a message to Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker thanking him for greetings he sent to the King on the occasion of the country's independence and Great Arab Revolt anniversaries.

The King said he shares with the Armed Forces their celebration of the two national anniversaries and takes pride in the Armed Forces, which carry the standards of the Great Arab Revolt and strive to fulfil its objectives in achieving unity, freedom and better future for the Arab Nation.

The King said the Armed Forces in fact represent the army of the Great Arab Revolt, serving as a shield for the Arab Nation in the face of all dangers and chal-

appreciates the Armed Forces' dedication to serve the Arab Nation following in the footsteps of the forefathers and the leader of the Great Arab Revolt.

Jordan, the King said, will remain a strong fortress protecting the revolt's principles and seeking to achieve its noble objectives.

#### Shevardnadze, Shamir meet tomorrow

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will meet Thursday for the first time with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, an Israeli spokeswoman said.

The Soviet Union broke diplomatic relations with Israel after the 1967 war. There have been lower-level

diplomatic contacts recently between the Soviet Union and Israelis, but none at such a senior The Soviet Union appears to

have given up its longstanding policy of not considering reestablishing diplorratic relations until Israel withdraws from the occupied territories. Soviet leader Mikhail Gor-

bachev has indicated in several recent speeches that the Soviet Union might normalise relations with Israel after an international Middle East peace conference convenes. But Monday. Shamir said

Israel would not offer any "political concessions" for the resumption of diplomatic relations. "The Soviets keep hinting that

they will renew diplomatic relations with us if we agree to their proposal" for an international Middle East peace conference, Shamir said. "I don't believe we should pay

for the resumption of diplomatic relations. They broke them and they should renew them," Shamir said in a speech to the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organisations.

Shamir and Shevardnadze are both in New York to address the 159-member U.N. General Assembly, which is holding a special session on disarmament But party leader Jean-Marie le would do the same.

## Shultz ends shuttle with little to show

CAIRO (Agencies) - U.S. of too many people are en-Secretary of State George Shultz wound up a futile Middle East peace mission Tuesday, warning that unless Arabs and Israelis shed their illusions." the region may be engulfed with extremism, an arms buildup and intense hatred.

He said the U.S. would not slow down its efforts to prod the two sides into negotiations and that he would like to have 'another crack" at Middle East liplomacy before President Ronald Reagan leaves office next lanuary.

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Shultz's departure for a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) in Madrid was delayed for 45 minutes because of a four-hour air traffic controllers' strike in Athens. Shultz's jetliner from the U.S. presidential fleet would have to fly near Greece en route to Spain.

Over five days in the Middle East. Shultz met with leader of Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Syria.

Egyptian President Hosni "The underlying problem Mubarak and Shultz ugreed Tues-won't go away by itself and can't day U.S. peace efforts should be wished away." Shultz said at a continue despite little tangible news conference. "Nor can it be success during Shultz's current

## Mubarak visits Iraq

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak paid a surprise visit to Iraq Tuesday coinciding with the start of the extraordinary Arab summit

Egyptian embassy sources said Mubarak went into closed door talks with President Saddam Hussein shortly after arriving in Baghdad with Egyptian Foreign

Hussein declined to attend the Algiers summit because of his country's war with Iran, and Egypt has not attended a summit since its membership in the Arab

said Mubarak's previously unannounced trip was apparently aimed at reminding the Arab leaders in Algiers of Egypt's key role in Arab security.
The embassy sources, quoted

details on the talks, but political sources in Baghdad said the two presidents were certain to review made in the past, he said. developments in the Iran-Iraq

war and the latest U.S. Middle East peace proposals.

Several thousand Egyptian volunteers serve in the Iraqi army, while more than one million Egyptians work in Iraq. mostly doing the jobs of workers conscripted into the army.

Mubarak, speaking at a joint televised news conference with Hussein, said his visit was intended mainly to reinforce Iraqi morale after its military suc-

"There is no limit to Egypt's support for Iraq," Mubarak said. Even when our relations were frozen, our contacts and cooperation did not stop."

Hussein, referring to differences in the Arab World, said: "We have not reached the level of full maturity... individual self-ishness is still playing a role and pushes some Arab leaders to a dangerous level of behaviour. Arab leaders should encourage

any attempt to correct mistakes Mubarak later left for home.

# centre-right coalition

it would withdraw its candidates tives in seven other races in and in six key legislative districts in around Marseille will compete in favour of other conservatives and called on the centre-right coalition to reciprocate.

sponse from the coalition of the centre-right Union for French Democracy and the rightist Rally for the Republic, whose leaders are divided on the question.

day's first round of voting for the 577-member National Assembly. Sunday's runoff because of the way support is distributed.

its candidates would pull out in the six districts where they trailed other rightists in the first round.

the runoff and expect reciprocal withdrawals. If the conservatives do not withdraw in those districts, the Socialist candidates are likely to benefit from the split rightist vote

and win National Assembly seats despite drawing less than 50 per cent of the vote. The ruling Socialists and their old Communist Party allies sealed a nationwide pact in Paris Mon-day to fend off a resurgence of

the right in the final ballot. "Wherever a Socialist candidate is trailing behind a Communist candidate. he will withdraw in favour of the Communist." Socialist leader Pierre

Mauroy told reporters. Communist chief Georges Marchais, whose party stands to lose over half its 32 seats despite a stronger-than-expected showing of over 11 per cent, said his party

## 5 killed in blast, gunfight in Beirut

BEIRUT (Agencies) - A carbomb exploded near a Syrian army checkpoint in south Beirut Tuesday, touching off a firefight between Syrian troops and pro-leanian fundamentalist militiamen, police said. They said at least five people

were killed and 30 wounded in the mid-afternoon blast and the ensuing shootout in south Beirut's seaside Ouzai district. Three were killed and 29 wounded in the carbomb explosion. Among the injured were two Syrian soldiers and two

point on the Ouzai highway, police said. The site of the blast was about 100 metres from an office of the Iranian-backed fun-damentalist Hizbollah (Party of

Lebanese Squad 16 riot police-

men manning a joint check-

God). A carload of beared Hizbollah gunmen raced to the scene. But Syrian soldiers and Lebanese policemen ringing the site intercepted the car and ordered its occupants out,

police said. "When the gammen refused to step out, troops and police-men tried to haul them out by force. One gunman fired his pistol and a shoolout erupted in which two gunmen were killed and a civilian passerby was wounded." said a police

19 Iranians missing

Nineteen Iranians who left west Beirut for Cyprus have disappeared after apparently being sent back to Lebanon by the island's authorities.

Security sources said Tuesday the group left west Beirut in mid-May to take the ferry from the east Beirut port of Jounieh, run by the hardline

Lebanese Forces militia. In Cyprus, a spokesman for Louis Travel, agents for the ferry Sunny Boat, said 19 Iranians were sent back to Jounieh on the ship after being refused entry May 14.

# OCCUPIED JERUSALEM repeatedly called for the resigna-

resign.
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save him," said Dr. Yasser Obeid where the 73-year-old mayor Clandestine leaders of the six-

attacked Tawil with a long knife as he walked with his driverguard, appeared to be a Palestinian. The town of 25,000 residents, north of Jerusalem, was side of the heart... his condition is placed under indefinite curfew.

> could trigger a wave of resignations by Israeli-appointed officials. The mayors of Nablus and Gaza have already quit and the mayor of Ramallah has stopped The elected mayor of Beth-

## Powell says Angola accord possible by end September

PARIS (R) - U.S. President Ronald Reagan's National Security Advisor Colin Powell said Tuesday that a solution to the 13-year-old Angola conflict was "entirely possible" by the end of

September. Washington by satellite with reporters in Europe, said the United States was "somewhat en-couraged... somewhat pleased" with recent progress towards a war.

settlement and with a change of attitude to the conflict on the part

of the Soviet Union. Following the success of negotiations for a Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, the United States was now concen-Powell, speaking from trating on regional conflicts in

southern Africa, he said. Angola's Soviet-backed govemment, backed by about 40,000 Cuban troops, is locked in a civil

## **Armenians press ethnic** demands with Yerevan vigil

MOSCOW (R) — Armenians demanding new official action on disputed regional boundaries have staged a vigil for the past 10 days in Yerevan, capital of the Armenian republic, official sources said Tuesday.

A spokesman for the Armenian Communist Party newspaper Kommunist told Reuters about 300 demonstrators in Yerevan's Opera Square were demanding that the republic's top state authorities discuss next week the issue of the enclave of Nagorno-

He said the situation in the city

The dispute over Nagorno-

Karabakh, populated mainly by

Armenians but administered by

the neighbouring Republic of

Azerbaijan, erupted in February

when the region's governing

council asked to become part of

was "absolutely peaceful."

Karabakh.

Up to one million people demonstrated peacefully in Opera Square to support the appeal. But violence erupted in late February in the Azerbaijani city of Sumgait, where Azerbaijanis hunted

ist to reach Moscow, dated June 4, said the new demonstrations and marches in Yerevan had been disrupting public and private transport since the start of the

Soviet spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news conference he believed the vigil was behind a decision of the state travel agency Intourist to cancel a journalists' trip to Armenia, closed to the foreign press for four months.

and killed Armenians in three nights of terror. The latest edition of Kommunlehem, Elias Freij, condemned the assault and told Reuters: "It

The attack was the most serious incident in the West Bank a

Palestinian sources said a pet-

Jelazoun refugee camps.

him" implying Jewish settlers car-But both diplomatic sources and Palestinian journalists dis-

state toured the area, and a nineher eye in the shooting.

The Jabaliya protest erupted hours after Richard Schifter, U.S. assistant secretary of state for human rights, and U.S. Ambassador to Israel Thomas

military administration officials in Gaza, discussing the army rules on detention, curfews and use of live ammunition and incidents of brutality against protesters, Israel

# King Hussein said he highly

in Algiers.

Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid.

League was suspended in 1979. In Cairo, diplomatic sources

by Reuters, were unable to give

# Le Pen seeks deal with

PARIS (AP) - The extreme- Pen and National Front members right National Front said Tuesday who finished ahead of conserva-But there was no official re-

The conservatives and the Socialists ran almost even in Sunbut computer projections favour the Socialists to win a majority in

The southern city of Marseille and its region has drawn attention because National Front voters could swing the results in 14

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# The King's Highway: A passage through time



A choice of routes

The stone edifice (above) indicates the direction of the highway but does not lie on the road itself.

Numbers, the evidence for such a



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#### By Graeme E. Donnan

GENESIS 14 tells the story of how, in abut 1900 B.C. four kings from the north came with their armies to wage war against five kings in the south who ruled the Cities of the Plain, including the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Under the leadership of Chedorlaomer, the King of Elam, the four kings won and took captive Lot and his family. who were later rescued from near Damascus by an avenging Abraham. The route through Transjordan that was followed by the invading kings apparently derives its name from this biblical tale and has become known as the King's Highway.

Of the four kings who are named in Genesis 14, none can be identified with any certainty as corresponding to personalities in history known to us from contemporary records. Some connections have been made with the rulers of city-states during the period in question, but an honest identification of Amraphel of Babylonia, Arioch of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer of Elam and Tidal of Goiim, remains elusive. The name of the leader of this alliance, Chedorlaomer, is known to be the Hebrew form of an Elamite name, Kudur-Lagamur. but historical evidence does not reveal a king of that name during the late Abrahamitic Period. It is. however, quite consistent with this time in history that an Elamite should have led an alliance

of kings. The route that was followed by Chedorlaomer and the other three kings is not provided with a name in Genesis 14. It is not until Numbers 20:17 that the King's Highway is referred to by that name in the Bible and subsequently mentioned on one other occasion (Num. 21:22). In accepting that a direct link exists between the events of Genesis 14 and the naming of this highway in

(Below) a stone sign on the highway showing the direction of Mukawer



link must be seen as circumstantial rather than conclusive. Furthermore, the term "king's highway", could be interpreted as way has varied according to the either a proper name (which we requirements of the historical generally assume it to be), or an appellative that referred to one of several royal roads built and maintained by the authorities. In the case of the latter, our renowned highway through Jordan may otherwise have simply been known as "the highway" (Num. 20:19). Although numerous writings which mention the King's Highway have failed to verify the authenticity of this title, there is no denying that this route has been of major importance

throughout the colourful history

of Transjordan.

It is commonly found in the Bible that when it is necessary to refer to a particular highway in connection with some event such as the passage of an army, the name that is given is usually designated according to the terminal point of the highway. The terminus would of course depend upon the direction you were taking, but this is neverthelesss a very practical method of reference. Hence, reference to the secton of the King's Highway north of Heshbon (Hisban) as, the road to Bashan" (Num. 21:33) is entirely consistent. From Heshbon the highway continued north through Rabbathammon (Amman), and on to Ashtaroth which was the capital of Bashan. Ashtaroth was not of course the terminal point of the highway, infact, most highways do not "terminate" unless, for example, they end abruptly at the sea, but rather, they continue to another destination under a different name. The road to Bashan passed through Ashtaroth and became the way to Damascus which formed the nexus of several principal highways.

South of Heshbon the King's Highway follows a course close to the edge of the west facing escarpment. Along this route the important settlements of Transjordan were always located, and either side lay the agricultural land which supported these centres of population. This was a favoured route of caravans plying their trade between Arabia and Egypt to the south and Asia Minor to the north. In times of peace the fertile land provided forage for animals, springs and deep wadis vielded ample water and the numerous towns and villages were a place to rest and engage in trade. In time of war. from Moabites to Muslims. fortresses dotted the route of the highway affording sanctuary from ary incursions and maraud-

ing tribes. Despite the litany of battles and brigandage which history provides, above all, the King's Highway has been a route for trade and transit since ancient times. The nations that have been destined to rise and fall along its course have gained prosperity from engaging in trade or exacting taxes from those who ventured this way. The origin of this highway is shrouded by the most

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Throughout the milleniums the

importance of the King's Highperiod and the sophistication of the transport system. At a time when man's chief concern lay in the search for food and forage for his animals, the nomadic pastoralist used footpaths and followed a general direction rather than clearly defined roads. At a later period, when camels became beasts of burden and horses were used for riding, pathways may have been widened and cleared of their boulders as a necessary alteration for these new forms of transport. Finally, with the advent of carts and chariots the dusty tracks were transformed into paved highways that supported the busy traffic of armies and commercial travellers. In effect, we should consider the development of the King's High-

trends. Unlike Palestine to the west. only two routes have dominated the north-south passage through Transjordan. The second longitudinal route lay to the east of the King's Highway approximating to the present route of the Desert Highway. This was the Pilgrim's Road, which, as its name implies, served quite a different purpose to the King's Highway and was never a serious competitor for

way as an evolutionary process

that reflects changing historical

trade and commerce. Naturally the King's Highway has never existed in isolation but has been and still is connected to the east and west with a series of minor roads. The rugged escarpment rising to over 1,000 metres above the Dead Sea proved a natural barrier to communications with the west, but out of necessity the ancients constructed roads wherever the terrain was passable. An interesting example of one of these tributary roads, formerly known as the "Ascent of Horonaim", is the route from Kir-hareseth (Kerak) to the Lisan Peninsula. At this point the road did not abruptly end but continued right across the Dead Sea as a shallow ford. guarded on the Palestinian side by the fortress of Masada.

The King's Highway probably achieved its greatest prominence during the period of the Nabataeans and their subsequent annexation into the Roman Empire in ca. 106 A.D. by the emperor Trajan. The Nabataean Arabs, a remarkable people to judge by any standards, controlled a vast trading empire stretching from Damascus in the north to Arabia in the far south. The Nabataeans became the lords of eastern commerce, with the magnificent city of Petra serving as an entrepot on the incense trails across the land bridge of the Levant. To facilitate troops movements and encourage trade. the Romans constructed the Via Nova Traiana (or Trajan's Road) along the route of the old King's Highway, evidence of which is still quite easy to find, especially in the form of milestones. At this of ancient history, but sufficient time, or possibly sooner, the evidence for its longevity has King's Highway entered into been amply provided for by direct commercial competition numerous archaeological sites with a similarly important high-

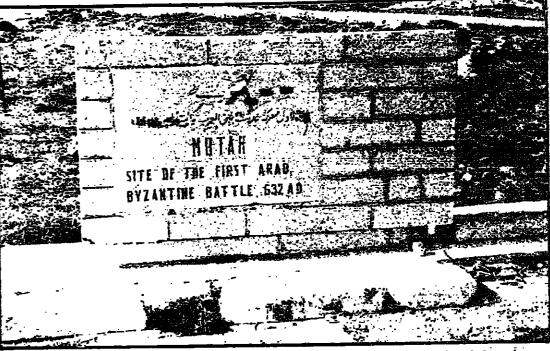
way in Palestine known as the Via

In the centuries that followed the Nabataean-Roman-Byzantine millenium, the royal highway continued its role as the most important thoroughfare in Transiordan. Merchant caravans vied for trade and foreign invaders marched their armies along its route, littering the wayside with fortresses and fields of battle. In 632 A.D. heroic Muslim leaders fell in battle against the Byzantines at Mu'tah; in 1189 A.D. the Crusader fortess at Kerak succumbed to Muslim armies, and in more recent years the redoubtable Col. T.E. Lawrence fought a set battle on the plains of Tafila in support of the Arab Revolt.

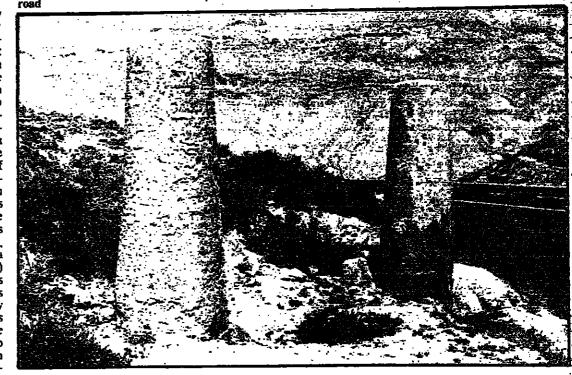
The King's Highway, or the Sultan's Road as it is also known, is a passage through time that weaves together a rich heritage of people, places and events. A journey along this road conjures up images from history, a long and noble history that preceded the birth of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.



A Roman mileston



(Above) commemorative stone at Mu'tah and (be low) many Roman mileston can be found along the



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14:10 Instrumentals		
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15:90 Concert Hour		
16:00 News in Summary		
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16-30 Old Favourites		
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13:09 News Summary		
18:05 Science Report		
18:30 Music		
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## WHAT'S GOING ON

An art exhibition by the Soviet Cultural Centre "Jordan Through Soviet Camera" at the Royal Cultural

☆ An art exhibition by Tawfiq Yahya at the French Cultural Centre.

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"Children's Heritage and Science Museum." Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m - 1.00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday. Folklore Museum: Jewelry and cos-tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics

#### from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th TODAY'S EVENTS centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

## **EXHIBITIONS**

→ Permanent book exhibition, at Tower Building, Jabal Amman, 3rd

A permanent exhibition of plastic 27 Arab artists at the Plaza

**FILMS** 

the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.

★ The YWCA 15th annual flower show at the Inter-Continental Hotel at

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## WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

The weather will continue to be hot and dry with south-easterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, the winds will be west-northerly moderate and calm

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## MARKET PRICES

ZARQA:

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Apricot	900 / 800
Banana	320 / <b>28</b> 0
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Beans ·	420 / 350
Beans (broad)	120 / 80
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## Regent receives **MAP** delegation

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent. Tuesday listened to a briefing about the Medical Aid for Palestinian (MAP) by the group's Chairman Derek Cooper, who outlined the gorup's objectives of assisting refugees and victims of

At a special audience, Prince Hassan briefed the delegation on the tragic situation in the occupied Arab territories and the sufferings of the Palestinians in these territories as a result of the inhuman Israeli

Prince Hassan lauded the noble message of the group and its humanitarian objectives and wished them every success in their mission and a happy stay in Jordan.

Also Tuesday Prince Hassan received the visiting Kuwaiti chairman of the General Corporation for Agricultural and Fisheries Affairs Ibrahim Al Duc'ij Al Sabah, in the presence of Agriculture Minister Marwan Hmoud and the Kuwaiti Charge d'Affaires in

## **Amin chairs meeting** on development plan

AMMAN (Petra) - Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin Tuesday chaired a meeting for heads of the governorate's development areas, during which they discussed means to overcome the problems that have obstructed the progress of work on some projects included in the Amman governorate's development plan

Amin called for the reformation of the area development councils to achieve the plan's objectives "which are based on the public participation in development, as stressed by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent.

The meeting was attended by Director of Regional Planning at the Planning Ministry Abdullah Abu Ayyash and the governor's assistant for development affairs. ·Concluding their 7th session, participants stressed the importdescribing it as an effective tool for activating agricultural credit institutions and providing the right opportunity to supply information and data.

They also highlighted the need for an effective and comprehensive data base, saying that it is a basic part of the credit corpora-

They noted that the Agricultural Credit Corporations, by the nature of its work, requires comprehensive and accurate information on national economy, and particularly in agriculture and information on the institutions technical, financial and administrative aspects.

Also Tuesday Amin presided over a meeting for Amman Provincial Organisation Committee and discussed issues pertaining to organisational plans of Marj Al Hamam, Naour and Khushafiat ance of evaluation and follow up. Al Shawabkeh councils.

## Civil defence to set up support units in Zarga

ZARQA (J.T.) — The Civil Defence Department (CDD) plans to set up a voluntary civil defence unit here to offer assistance in emergency cases and to work as a support wing for the Civil Defence services in the city.

The department director in Zarqa Col. Omar Dandis said the projected unit will also be entrusted with helping the police and Civil Defence authorities in dealing with the consequences of natural disasters and the spread of infectious diseases.

these volunteers who will be working in close cooperation with Civil Defence men to provide assistance.

. These centres, will be located at schools, municipalities, sports clubs and charitable societies.

Dandis added.

Volunteers will be chosen following a circular which will be distributed to government offices

and public organisations, he said. Dandis said special training will be given to the volunteers who will be divided into groups hand-Dandis said in a statement to Al ling fire fighting, rescue opera-Ra'i Arabic daily that a number tions, first aid and other aspects

#### **NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

TAWJIHI EXAMS: Greater Amman Education Department director said that a total of 40.527 students from the governorate will sit for the general Secondary Certificate Examinations (Tawjihi), which will be held on June 19. The educational official said that a total of 21.476 students from the governorate will also be taking the Secondary Stage Admission Examination exam, which will also be held on June 19.

SPORTS FESTIVAL: Balqa Education Department Tuesday held a sports festival at the Municipal playground in Fuheis to mark the Independence Day, the Great Arab Revolt anniversary and the

NEW RACA CHIEF: The Regional Agricultural Credit Association (RACA) General Assembly Monday elected director of Jordan's Agricultural Credit Corporation Sami Al Sunna'a as chairman of the RACA executive board and the president of the Iraqi Agricultural Credit Bank as vice-chairman.

MESSAGE TO CHINA: The Amman-based World Islamic Organisations Council has sent a memorandum to the Chinese Peoples Democratic Republic President Yang Shangkun urging him to work with the other permanent members of the United Nations Security Council to implement the United Nations Security Council Resolution 598 on the Iran-Iraq war.

'CHARITY' WORKER: Amman police have arrested a man posing as a representative of the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) and raising funds for an imaginary kindergarten to be operated by a charitable society. Police sources said that the man was found to have collected JD 15,000 over during two years of his campaign for the imaginary charitable work raised from cities and organisations in Amman and other towns.

PRINCE HASSAN AWARD Acting Amman Education Department Director Tuesday received a Bahraini delegation, currently on a visit to Jordan, to have first hand information on activities of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's Award. The educational official said that Prince Hassan's Award, the first of its kind in the Arab region, aims to enhance students belonging to their land and to provide a link between the students and their community.

SECURITY CENTRE: The Arab Interior Ministers Council's Centre for Security Studies and Training has selected Director of Public Security Gen. Abdul Hadi Al Majali as member of the centre's board of directors.

**BLOOD DONATION:** Jordan Red Crescent Society's youth branch is organising a blood donation campaign at the Red Crescent Society Blood Bank. The campaign includes two lectures, one about promotion of blood donation and the other about first aid in cases of burns, poisoning, fractures and artificial respiration.

ART EXHIBITION: Culture and National Heritage Minister Mohammad Al Hammuri Tuesday opened an art exhibition by Tawfiq Yahya at the French Cultural Centre.

#### **OBITUARY**

Majaj Family, their kins and relatives on the East and West Banks of Jordan and abroad announce with deep sorrow and grief the passing away of

lsa J. Majaj

On Monday June 6, 1988, at the age of 61. May his soul rest in peace. The date of burial will be announced.



KUWAITI OFFICIAL: Agriculture Minister Marwan Al Hmoud, and the visiting Kuwaiti Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Corporation for Agricultural and Fisheries Affairs, Ibrahim Al Du'eii Al Sabah Tuesday visits Al Shomari Wildlife reserve in Azraq and are being briefed on the environment and nature in Jordan by Anis Muasher, chairman of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature.

## Haj Hassan leaves for Iraq

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan left for Baghdad Tuesday to take part in the general assembly meetings of the Iraq Jordan Land Transport Coi pany (IJLTC) and the Arab Mari ime Bridge Company, grouping fordan, Iraq, and

Egypt.
The meetings will last threedays during which Haj Hassan is also expected to hold separate talks with his Iraqi and Egyptian counterparts, dealing with Jordan's cooperation with their countries in transport, postal and telecommuncations affairs, and plans for joint ventures in these

The IJLTC will discuss a report by its board of directors on the company's operations and final accounts for 1987 during which the company made a profit of JD 3.346 million.

Last February, the company announced its decision for the purchase of 150 trucks from the French company, Renault, at the cost of JD 3.927 million to help boost its transportation capabilities and promote trade between Jordan and Iraq.

Increased quantities of Iraqhound goods have been arriving in Aqaba since the beginning of

1987 warranting more trucks to be employed to transport them to their destination, according to

company officials. . Since the start of the Gulf war Aqaba has been serving as the port for Iraq as well as Jordanian goods, and the IJLTC has been shouldering most of the transportation task between the two

The Maritime Bridge Com-pany's general assembly will review plans to transport passengers and goods between Egypt and Iraq through Aqaba, proposals for expanding the company operations and the company's



Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Tuesday lays the foundation stone for an emergency and first aid building in the Al Bashir hospital premises (Petra

## Hamzeh lays foundation stone for emergency, first aid building

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Tuesday The six-storey building to be laid the foundation stone for an emergency and first aid building in the Al Bashir Hospital premises in Ashrafieh, Amman.

On the occasion, the minister said the JD 1 million project "will contribute, to a great extent, to reduce pressure on the emergency and first aid department at the hospital, which handles at least 600 cases on a daily basis."

Hamzeh said the new centre will offer first aid and emergency services to the public and will also serve as a training site for doctors and paramedics involved in these operations.

"The Health Ministry will have direct supervision over the centre, providing it with sufficient The six-storey building to be set up on 7.500 metres of land will governorate. have 112 beds on the second and third floors which will be assigned tants of these villages. for patients, while the other

tient wings, the minister said. The minister later inspected the designs of the new project, prepared by the Ministry of Pub-

lic Works and being implemented by a local construction firm. The minister said that the pro-

ject should be ready in two years. The Jordan News Agency, Petra Tuesday quoted the Health Minister as giving his approval for the establishment of mother and child care centres at Sabha. Hamraa and Manishieh in Mafraq

The new centres are to offer services to at least 16,000 inhabi-

## Jordan, FAO discuss task of RDAR centre

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Officials from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and Jordan Tuesday discussed arrangements to operate the Jordan-based Regional Centre on Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (RDAR).

FAO Assistant Director Salah Jumaa and Ministry of Social Development Secretary General Mohammad Sqour discussed preparations being made at the Prin-contribute to rural development cess Rahmeh Social Development Centre, at Allan near Salt, to enable the centre to commence

FAO and Jordan agreed last March to establish the regional centre at Allan, and apart from Jordan, Syria. Egypt, Pakistan. Iraq, and Tunisia have agreed to participate in the centre's opera-

Squur told Jumaa that the Jordanian government appreciates FAO's efforts to establish the project and pledged that the ministry will place its facilities and expertise under its disposal.

"Jordan will also persuade other Arab and friendly nations in the Near East region to join in the project, which is designed to and promote agrarian reform." Squur added.

For his part. Jumaa said FAO

will speed up procedures for opening the centre and will pave the way by holding a meeting for representatives of the six countries, to endorse the centre's internal laws, financial set-up and tions and benefit from its ser-

At such meeting the participants will also endorse the centre's first budget, agree on a working programme and appoint a director for the centre. Jumaa

Jumaa and Sqour agreed that the first meeting should be held in the first half of October.

According to FAO officials in Amman, the Allan centre will supervise the work of national branch centres to be set up in each participating country and will coordinate their work.

They said the RDAR centre will be operating under the supervision of three main committees - the hoard of directors, the technical council, and the executive council — the three of which will be elected at the October

Sgour said that the projected centre aims to involve local people in the process of rural develocment and improve the living condition of the local inhabitants.

To achieve that aim he said the centre will embark on research work and studies in agrarian reform and rural development. organise seminars and conferences and hold training courses from the six participating coun-

#### 11,500 people apply for pilgrimage

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs has embarked on preparing lists of banks of Jordan, the occupied names of would-be pilgrims to the Gaza Strip and Palestinian terriholy places in Mecca and Medina

A ministry official said that registration for performers of the pilgrimage has officially ended for pilgrims travelling by land to Bank, and on their wand a total of 11.500 people have go to the holy places in 22 diffehome, the official said.

These came from the two banks of Jordan, the occupied tories occupied since 1948, the

According to the official, the ministry will make arrangements

rent covoys, each comprising 12-15 buses in addition to vehicles offering emergency services.

Lodging facilities will be offered to the pilgrims coming here from the occupied territories during their stay in the East Bank, and on their way back

## Municipality ponders means to ease new interchange traffic congestion

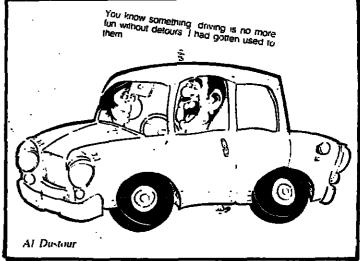
AMMAN (1.T.) — The designer of the Ministry of Interior interchange, opened last Saturday for traffic following 30 months of construction work, has ben summoned for consultations with the Greater Amman Municipality. and is expected here on Monday. Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra oud Al Rawabdeh announced in a radio interview.

Speaking in a call-in programme broadcast by Radio Jordan's Arabic service, Rawabdeh said that the municipality cannot offer the public any solution for the present congestion at the interchange before at least one week. after it had completed its study on the situation with the designer and three engineers who supervised the work as well as traffic lice officers.

The interchange has been wit-nessing a heavy traffic congestion ever since its opening on June 4. especially in the rush hours.

Motorists noticed that neither the overpass linking the Ministry of Interior area with Jabal Hussein nor the tunnel going from Jabal Amman and Shmeisani towards the Independence Street was witnessing any jams.

But it was noticed that the heavy traffic occurs along the road going out from Abdali to-



through the interchange.

As there is no other route to take from Abdali to the Sports annually. City and due to the heavy flow of traffic along that route day and and according to some motorists. crossing the interchange along this route takes them at least 15 minutes. far exceeding the time they used to take before the construction of the interchange.

wards the Sports City which goes going ahead with plans to install truffic lights at 42 intersections in 20 years, at the rate of two

Shortly, he said, work will start on the Ministry of Industry and night, congestion has occurred. Trade junction which is not far away from the Interior Ministry interchange. Rawabdeh also announced that

the municipality intends to create a pedestrian zone at the heart of the city, banning entry of any cars In his radio interview, Rawab- to help shoppers and stimulate deh said the municipality was commercial business downtown.



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## Stop the offensive preaching

THOUGH confirmed admirers of constancy, we are nevertheless sad to note that United States Secretary of State George Shultz has ended his latest Mideast diplomatic mission on the same note on which he started it four days ago: Misdirected, unsubstantiated, arrogant, self-congratulatory and highly offensive preaching. His warning in Cairo Tuesday that unless Arabs and Israelis "shed their illusions" the region would be engulfed with extremism, arms build-ups and intense hatred strikes us as a fresh display of two factors which have caused us - and the majority of other Arabs - to view the Shultz initiative with scepticism: The American government's refusal to accept its share of the responsibility for the cycle of violence in the region, and the presumption that the United States can step into the region and prod the naughty brawlers to make peace.

Those of us who happen to live around here, rather than fly in for occasional visits, would suggest to Mr. Shultz that the Middle East has been engulfed in extremism, violence and hatred for about 40 years -or since the establishment of the state of Israel and the national catastrophe of the Palestinians. A major cause of regional turbulence and sustained human suffering is the American determination to maintain Israel as the dominant regional fact, while the Arabs and their rights are dealt with in relation to their attitude to Israel. This is inequity and injustice of the highest order - and its result is an Arab determination to fight back, and to achieve justice in the end. The United States plays a central role in maintaining the injustice, in fuelling the hatred and in providing the arms for the military build-up. For the American secretary of state to warn against trends which his country has nurtured and guaranteed for several centuries is a very sad display of all that is bad in America, of all that is naive; unrealistic, presumptuous and morally effete. This is also, we believe, an aberration of American principles and of the otherwise commendable and humane behaviour of the American people.

Mr. Shultz also says he finds universal interest in finding a path to peace, and hopes to return to the area. He's welcome to do so, and he will find the Arabs always willing to meet and talk. The imperatives of justice and peace are overwhelming. We will explore any path to this end. But Mr. Shultz should not confuse our willingness to keep talking with a desire to submit to American-Israeli demands at any cost; nor should be see himself as the only mediator in town, or his plan as the only game in town. Four trips and few results should cause him to stop the preaching show: tone down the moralistic mumbo-jumbo; get off his high horse: inject more equity into his proposals; stop being so partial to Israeli and Zionist positions; bring his great country off the fence on Palestinian and Israeli rights, land for peace and other key issues; and then return to the region with more credibility, more stature, more honour and more hope of a breakthrough. We look forward to his next visit with much anticipation — as, we are sure, do the Palestinians and Lebanese and other Arabs who are jailed, or detained in their thousands, or have had their homes demolished, or who have been deported from their homeland, or who have been maimed or killed by an Israeli army that is financed and supplied by the country which Mr. Shultz represents.



#### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Eyes on Algiers

THE eyes of millions of people are now turned towards Algiers where the Arab leaders are now holding their summit meeting. These millions are now convinced that they can only resort to force for regaining their usurped lands and they have no alternative to military confrontation with the Israeli enemy to liberate the occupied land and safeguard Arab identity. These millions of masses are attaching hope to this summit in Algiers and awaiting constructive results. They are hoping that the outcome of the summit will be on equal level with the sacrifice of people now involved in an uprising against Israel, and the sacrifices of the Iraqi people and armed forces who have been involved in a battle for defending Arab soil. The heroic struggle of the Palestinian people demands an equal measure at the present summit in terms of support and assistance so that the Palestinians can maintain their steadfastness. The Algiers summit is called on to take a firm stand with regard to Iran's continued aggression on Iraq and should take steps leading towards a permanent peace in the Gulf. Iraq has been offering service to the Arab Nation, and it is time for Arab countries to display true solidarity in word and deed with the Iraqi people and armed forces in the face of aggression and Iran's expansionist designs in our land.

## Al Dustour: Watching for positive signs

THE Arab heads of state meet in Algiers in a relaxed atmosphere and against a background of good inter-Arab relations, characterised with solidarity and cooperation. They meet in Algiers in order to discuss the situation in the Israeli-held Arab territory where the Palestinians continue their uprising and maintain their steadfastness in the face of Israel's practices and inhuman actions. The Algiers summit is considered a great event in itself because it is not only designed to bolster inter-Arab relations but also to extend support and assistance to the oppressed people of Palestine. If all the Arabs are looking towards Algiers now for positive results, the Palestinians are awaiting salvation and anxiously watching out for positive and constructive signs. hoping for speedy help and speedy solution for their chronic problem. The oppressed Palestinian people are longing for more than material help and praise of their heroic struggle and steadfastness. They are awaiting collective action that can end the atrocities from their land and bring about liberation to them and to their occupied territory. The current siminit in Algiers is another chance for the Arab heads of state to draw up a proper policy for immediate aid to the Palestinian people and an effective action to deter the Israeli

#### Sawt Al Shaab: 2 issues on summit agenda

THE land of the one million martyrs is now hosting an Arab summit meeting, called to examine the present Arab situation. The Arab heads of state are confronted with the eight-year-old Gulf war and Iran's expansionist designs; and the on-going Palestinian people's uprising in the face of Zionist terrorism. The Algiers summit follows a successful meeting by Arab leaders in Amman a few months ago where they laid the ground for consensus and agreement and solidarity which are inevitable for any successful endeavour. The outcome of the Algiers meeting should not be less in importance than the great victories of the Iraqi armed forces over the Iranian aggressors. Neither should this summit be less in level than the sacrifices of the oppressed people suffering under Israeli rule and maintaining their uprising for freedom. The steadfast Palestinians and Iraqis are looking with hope towards the summit; and are awaiting constructive results capable of thwarting Israel's designs. The Arab leaders have no alternative to shouldering their duty towards themselves and

## Financial mergers should they be encouraged?

By Nayef S. Zubi

THE recent announcement by the government regarding merger activities among financial companies and commercial banks attempts to bring about a restructuring of the financial sector in Jordan. In some cases — the insurance sector — the government has been providing incentives to facilitate mergers.

It could be argued that the current slowdown in the economy provides the rationale for mergers. They could save the economy the dead weight costs of bankruptcy, if such mergers occur between a healthy company and a failing one. In other cases, the government might have been assuming the presence of economics to scale — the correlation between size and cost effectiveness — as a rationale for mergers.

It is the purpose of this article to analyse the impact of takeover activities on the welfare of both target companies — those sought to be acquired by a bidding company — and bidding company — that bidding the takeover of target company — as well as on the overall economy. Understanding the economics of such activity requires

knowing what function mergers actually serve.

Generally speaking, mergers could be of several types: horizontal, if both corporations produce the same commodity and serve the same markets, and vertical, when a firm acquires a supplier or customer. Jordan Petroleum Refinery, merging with a crude oil producer, is an example of vertical integration. Conglomerate mergers is where a company acquires another in an unrelated line of business. Jordan Brewery, acquiring Dar Al Dawn for Development and Investment, is an example of Conglomerate mergers.

#### Mechanism for takeovers

Takeovers could be affected through tender offers, proxy fights. and mergers. The tender offer is directly made to the stockholders of the target company to buy some or all of their stock holdings for a specified price and during a specified time. The approval of target company's management and Board of Directors is not required to

conclude the takeover. The proxy fight is an internal affair.

The stockholders' votes are solicited for the election of a new Board of Directors. Lastly, the merger is negotiated with the target company's management, and when approved by its Board of Directors, is submitted to the stockholders for approval.

#### Economics of corporate control

A relevant question regarding merger activities is: Why such activities exist and what an economic function, if any, they do serve. The standard theorising holds that takeovers are simply a quest to achieve economics to scale, or to create market power. In some cases, they are merely a civilised alternative to bankruptcy or the voluntary liquidation that transfer assets from falling to rising firms. Obviously, mergers between a healthy company and a failing one eliminate dead weight losses of

#### bankruptcy proceedings. Current view on mergers

The current view, which is gaining currency, holds that takeover activity - mergers, tender offers and proxy fights - is a manifestation of the competition for corporate control which the stockholders have mostly delegated to the Board of Directors who determine the hiring, firing and the compensation of management. Equivalently, this view holds that takeover activity reflects market forces at work to select better management of the corporation sector and, thus, better allocation of economic resources.

Henry G. Manne, the dean of the law school and director of the law and economic centre at George Mason University describes the tender offer as "...the most important and beneficial financial invention of the 20th century. Its very existence has probably added hundreds of billions of dollars to American capital values. Without it, noncontrolling shareholders in companies with widely diffused ownership would be nearly helpless in the face of managerial incompetence, self-dealing or inattention to business.

In that light, takeover provides another mechanism to protect the interests of shareholders when corporate internal mechanism fails. Management performance of the corporate sector is exposed to scrutiny of external market quest for corporate control besides the mechanism of internal discipline. It is of no surprise to know that the outcry against takeovers comes from the management of target

corporation. The de facto separation of ownership and control of the modern corporation makes the takeover mechanism an important market function that should not be disabled. This function gives the shareholders both power and protection commensurate with their interest in corporate affairs and gives the economy a better allocation of assets and a higher value of shareholders wealth.

#### Market power arguments

Mergers would allow merged entities to benefit from scale and operating economies, if synergy exists. Synergy simply means two-plus-two equal to five. That is to say that the value of the merged entity is enhanced by the ability to benefit from economics of size. The scale economics stem in part from the indivisibility nature of capital, labour and overhead costs. It also stems from economics in the specific management functions: control, planning, marketing, and research and development, to name but a few of such functions. Simply stated, a merged entity needs one personnel department, one planning department and so on. Saving on the costs of management functions, thus follows.

The efficiency in the use of economic resources that economiesto-scale driven mergers could bring about also mean that over the short run, unemployment could arise. That is the case because efficiency comes in part from simply the head count. If the efficiency criterion is the yardstick to which social welfare is measured, then this short-term cost should be borne. The economic

decision-maker is well-advised to take note of such a cost. Another argument that have been advanced to explain mergers is that mergers achieve market power when other mechanisms, such as Cartels, seem illegal. It is this aspect of mergers that has provided the fertile ground for government intervention. The fear always has been that monopoly compared to competition raise prices, lower production level, and that hurt the consumers.

#### Mergers in the banking industry in Jordan

Mergers, except where it is important to save the economy from the dead weight loss of bankruptcy should be a market driven activity. The government is well-advised not to obstruct, nor force, the market for mergers in Jordan. It is my view that voluntary mergers and takeover activities - that are forced by the market even departing from the economics of scale argument, should be allowed to take their due course, thus forcing competition into the management of the corporate sector. That simply means that the government should not, in general, provide incentives to facilitate mergers that otherwise would not have happened.

The case, however, would be different in the case of a failing bank. Government should encourage and facilitate the takeover of such bank by a healthy one. On the other hand, encouraging mergers among failing banks under the argument of scale alone, is not necessarily productive.

The economies of scale alone, without providing a competitive management, at the top of the merged firm, is not enough to guarantee the desired results.

Encouraging the takeover of a failing bank by a healthy one, through a bidding process, would save the economic resources

spent in bankruptcy proceedings, and assure smooth transition.

The current practice in the U.S. is such that when a commercial bank fails, the Federal Deposit Insurance Company (FDIC) - the agency that insures bank deposits up to \$100,000 - usually uses two options to protect depositors.

First, it may choose to pay off insured depositors and liquidate the bank. Using the second option, called a purchase and assumption, the FDIC arranges a takeover of the failed bank by an existing financial institution using a bidding process. The highest bid to acquire the failing bank is taken. The guidelines used are:

1. To choose the option, and the acquiring bank, that would minimise the loss of the insurance fund. That is so because the FDIC should provide the difference between the failed bank liabilities and assets (liabilities are higher for a failing-bank) less the amount of the cash bid provided by the acquiring firm.

2. The purchase and assumption option is usually used in the case

of a large bank failure. Mergers is no magic solution to the economic ills in Jordan. That should be clear. However, the more the markets are allowed to perform their functions, the more Jordan will get closer to having competitive management at the top of our corporate sector. And that will assure a better and more efficient allocation of Jordan's

## What is left for Reagan: Politics, hostages, Noriega, maybe START

By W.W. Dale Nelson The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan will have a hard time exceeding the colour and drama of his fourth U.S.-Soviet. summit, but his aides say he will have plenty to keep him busy

until he leaves office in January. There's an outside chance that his schedule might include a fifth meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, to sign a treaty reducing superpower arsenals of long-range nuclear

He's also expected to take at least four more vacation trips to his California ranch.

Reagan's agenda includes an economic summit meeting with leaders of the industrialised Western countries and Japan, campaign trips on behalf of George Bush and other Republican candidates and a brief appearance at the Republican convention in New Orleans. As they have for many months,

the president and his aides also say that efforts continue to secure the freedom of nine American hostages held in Lebanon. Administration efforts to force

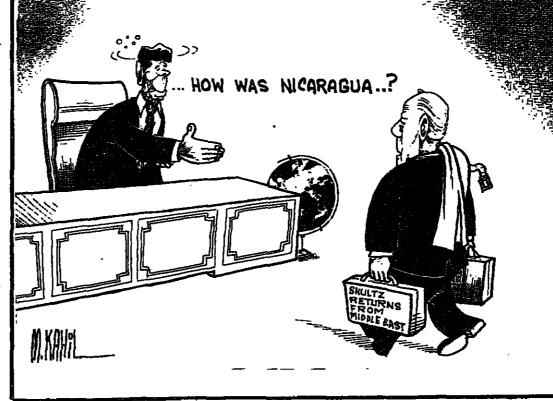
Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega from power in Panama, which collapsed as Reagan was on his way to the summit, may also be On the president's immediate

schedule are a couple of speeches in Washington in which he will report on his Moscow visit. Still undecided is the future of

a proposed treaty reducing intercontinental ballistic missile arsenals by 30 to 50 per cent, which both sides had originally said they hoped might be signed during the meetings in the Kremlin.

"We are both hopeful that it can be finished before I leave office," Reagan told students at Moscow state university. "But I assure you that if it isn't ... I will have impressed on my successor that we must carry on until it is

Martin Anderson, the president's former top policy adviser, said "I would predict that he and



General Secretary Gorbachev are going to be working even harder. to put together a reduction in the big weapons.

They may not get to the full 50 per cent but I wouldn't be surprised if they did get some agreement," said Anderson, now a senior fellow at Stanford Uni-

Gorbachev and Reagan, who first met in Geneva in 1985 and subsequently got together in Reykjavik, Iceland, and in Washington before their session in Moscow, have indicated they would be willing to meet again to sign such a treaty.

#### Next venue

With difficult negotiations still ahead, no concrete plans have been made, but some sources have suggested Budapest, Hun-

gary, as a possible site. More immediately, Reagan is

to meet in Toronto June 19-21 with heads of government from Canada, Japan, West Germany. Britain, Italy and France for the 14th annual economic summit. With the exception of Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, he will have been in office

There are no burning issues, said one administration official. "It's a 'where we have been and where we are going' kind of thing.

longer than any of them.

Reagan's speech at the Republican national convention in New Orleans Aug. 15-16 is expected to be a brief drop-in enroute to his annual August vacation at his ranch north of Santa Barbara,

He is also expected to visit the ranch in July and, as usual, spend thanksgiving there and round out the year at the home of old friend Walter Annenberg in Rancho

Mirage, California. His term ends at noon on Jan. 20. The president is expected to

make campaign appearances on Bush's behalf after the vice president's expected nomination at the "Nothing has been scheduled,

but he will be doing campaigning for the vice president and a lot of campaigning for Senate and House candidates," deputy White House press secretary B.J. Cooper said. It does not sound as dramatic

as meeting with refuseniks in Moscow, dueling with Gorbachev inside the Kremlin walls or answering barbed questions from Soviet students. But, as Reagan said in a May 2

speech to the U.S. chamber of commerce: reviewing his administration's accomplishments, "we aren't at the end yet."

## OPEN FORUM

## A dream beyond barriers

WITH the Arab summit convened in Algiers, there is talk of side meetings for the Maghreb countries to work further towards a form of cooperation between them. This will hopefully work out because, after the formation of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), it would be another cornerstone in the long-awaited Arab

Polarisation of countries is not just a theory anymore with the unity. success of the GCC and the European Community.

Crossing our borders with Syria for the Eid Al Fitr holidays makes one think of what we are doing in these two neighbouring Arab countries towards wordly needs of cooperation and strength

By car it took my family and a couple of friends one hour to reach the border from Amman, one hour from the Syrian border to Demescus, but four hours on the two border stations finishing formalities and unnecessary red tape. It was obvious that every step of bureaucracy could have been much shorter.

All through the four hours (from 8 p.m. to midnight), even my three-year-old son was obsessed with the idea of the passport after noticing the importance we were all paying to the procedures related to the documents.

"Dad, where are the passports?"

"Mommy, give me my passport." "Dad, I want my own passport with me." (He is included in

During our week-long stay in Syria, I couldn't help but notice another thing: Tomatoes that were almost disposed of in Jordan were a precious and rare commodity in Syria. Also, Syrian-made clothes there cost almost nothing; whereas, Jordan imports similar clothes from other parts of the world costing up to five times as much. Tomatoes and clothes are only mere examples of the results

of the borders' economic restrictions and obstacles. Back to the extraordinary Arab summit. The main, if not the only item, of the agenda is the intifada and ways of supporting it. Hopefully, by reaching a consensus on this issue more doors will be opened for Arab cooperation through a reduction and then the abolishing of these border formalities. Just think of all the time, money and energy that will be saved through an agreement that only leaders are capable of reaching.

Sama Atiyeh

## Different perceptions cloud views of **Egyptians, Americans**

By John Fullerton

CAIRO — The loudest sounds in the exclusive Cairo suburb of Maadi at weekends are the clink of ice in tall glasses and foreign laughter behind spruce hedges.

A game of basketball is in full swing. Nearby, wealthy American and Egyptian teenagers giggle over their dates at the edge of an azure swimming pool.

On one corner, black-clad security police with machine pistols guard a shuttered Israeli villa, a symbol of contentious peace war four times in 25 years but now take the lion's share of "Egypt's logic is that we have American aid.

Thirty minutes' drive away, the new U.S. embassy towers like a fortress above central Cairo. The building, the largest U.S. diplomatic and aid complex in the world, will be formally opened later this year.

Washington gives Cairo more than \$800 million a year for civil projects and a further \$1.2 billion in military aid. U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz has picked Egypt as his base for his current Middle East peace mission, his fourth this year.

But how do Egyptians and members of the 10,000-strong American community see one another? What do they have in യമ്പതാഥ?

"The Americans are trying to penetrate Egyptian society, but they are chimsy," says commen-tator Mohammed Syed Ahmed. "They don't operate on the same wavelength. They are going to go on being Khawaggas (foreigners). We don't speak the same lan-

#### Boxed in a corner

Publicly, both governments aim to stabilise Egypt by extending the social compact, develop-ing industrial infrastructure, curbing 25 per cent inflation, cutting the budget deficit, invigorating the private sector and reducing Egypt's foreign debt of some \$40 billion.

But there are differences in perspective.

"The 1979 peace treaty with Israel boxed us into a corner," says one Egyptian official. "We were forced by (former President Anwar) Sadat to choose between peace with the Arabs and peace with Israel. I feel that trade-off should never have happened. Now we are trying to work our way out of this comer.'

He said Cairo had little option but to go along with the thrust of the current U.S. Middle East peace mission, but differed on operational aspects.

What do you expect us to do?" the Egypt ian official asked. "In fact, our perception on the need for a Middle East peace conference under U.N. auspices

is closer to the Soviet stance." Defence analyst Wahid Abdul Meguid saw Egypt's acquisition of modern U.S. arms such as the F-16 fighter, M-1 tank and E-2C Hawkeye airborne radar plane as the spearhead of a long-term but unspoken aim of achieving military parity with Israel, notwithstanding the Camp David peace

achieve parity while we keep quiet about it, at least publicly." Meguid said America's arms and expertise were as essential to Egypt today as Moscow's had proved in the 1960s.

He believed no Third World state could build effective, modern defences without help from one of the superpowers.

No room to manoeuvre Syed Ahmed commented on a

feeling expressed by some Egyptians that the relationship be-tween Washington and Egypt and between Washington and Israel were unequal in substance, and between countries which went to that American cash limited

> offered Washington something very valuable, peace with Israel. We paid a very high price for that. What America is doing in return is not enough."

A Western intelligence analyst

spelled out the bottom line of

Washington's policy of injecting more than \$2 billion into Egypt and \$3 billion into Israel each The two Middle East peace partners top the list of countries receiving U.S. military and eco-

nomic aid. The analyst said American taxpayers were footing the bill here. 🕐 in Israel and in naval deployments in the Gulf to keep the peace - because it was in America's own interest to do so. That was a political reality Arabs would have to come to terms

The bill is a way of ensuring the security of the United States," he said. "When Egyptians say they should get more, my reply is that it would be difficult to go along with anything that isn't seen to be in our own national interest."

The official was frank in expressing personal misgivings over growing American involvement in the Arab World.

"I fear two things," he said. "One is the tendency to see problems as someone else's responsibility, to abrogate responsibility for one's actions. "The second is the subtle temp-

tation to jump into the American

pocket and expect to be taken care of when things go wrong," the analyst said, adding that Egypt was in the throes of cultural, political and military change. Both American and Egyptian observers agreed that the Iran-

Iraq war had been the catalyst for Egypt's reemergence as a mainstream Arab power after its isolation as the sole Arab country to sign a peace treaty with Israel. Since last November, 11 Arab states have buried objections to

the peace pact and restored full diplomatic ties. Only Libya, Syria, Algeria and Lebanon do not have Cairo embassies. Analysts say that if Egypt needs American money and technology, its emerging regional role

and ability to control the Suez Canal are not lost on Washington. The strategic relationship was based on mutual need, but not always for the same reasons or

the same end. "Don't make the mistake of

using Western logic when asses-"Syria proclaims its intention to an Egyptian journalist. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat

anti-Vietnamese guerrilla coali-

tion, want Arafat to convene

peace talks including Non-

"The People's Republic of

Yasser Arafat to convene a joint

meeting of the four Kamouchean

factions, with the participation or

presence of a number of other

eaders from the Non-Aligned

Movement," the Phnom Penh

government said in letters to non-

SPK published Monday texts of

letters sent June 3 urging Cuba's

clined to comment on the Phnom

The Phnom Penh news agency

aligned leaders and Arafat.

Aligned Movement leaders.

The pro-Hanoi government in

to act as a peacemaker.

## Somalia orders evacuated foreigners to return to north

has ordered more than 160 foreigners evacuated from the rebeltroubled northwest of the country to return there by Wednesday or leave the country.

A Foreign Ministry statement said Monday that the foreigners had been evacuated needlessly and against the government's better judement.

The withdrawal was organised by the U.N. without consulting the Somali government in spite of the fact that the Somali government was ensuring the security of foreign workers," the statement

Diplomats in Mogadishu said Bell told Reuters. five Indians were killed and several other foreigners wounded during a rebel attack on the northern city of Hargeisa last

Three small planes flying under U.N. colours evacuated more than 160 foreigners from city Friday and Saturday.

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flown from the northern port of Berbera to Mogadishu by a spe-cial flight of Somali airlines

Reports from neighbouring Djibouti said 45 to 50 foreigners had gathered in Berbera to await evacuation, but Bell said he had no information about the number flown out to Mogadishu.

He said the situation in the north remained unclear. But the government appeared to be in control of Hargeisa, Berbera and ·Burao, a nearby town which was overrun by the rebel Somali National Movement (SNM) at the start of its offensive May 27.

The Somali Foreign Ministry insisted that the evacuation of foreigners from the north "was not justified by the facts."

"The Somali government therefore requires them to return to their place of work and resume work with effect from Wednesday June 8," the ministry said.

British embassy spokesman "If the organisers (or com-Harvey Bell said Tuesday that a panies and aid agencies) do not further group of foreigners was agree then those who were evacu- der dispute.

ated should leave the country the same day," it added.

Most of the foreigners working

in northern Somalia were relief workers attached to refugee camps, aid workers involved with development projects and oil company employees engaged in exploration work.

Bell said there seemed little prospect of those evacuated from the northwest returning there by the government's deadline. Many of the foreigners flown

out of Hargeisa to Garoe, a town firmly in government hands 550 kilometres to the east, were only expected to arrive in Mogadishu Tuesday, the British diplomat Some of those evacuated had

already reached the capital and decided to leave Somalia, he added. Somali President Mohammad

Siad Barre has faced armed

opposition in the north of the

country ever since Somalia fought President Fidel Castro, Zima bloody war with Ethiopia in babwe's President Robert 1977-78 over a long-running bor-Mugabe and India's Premier Raiiv Gandhi to attend negotiations. Sihanouk's Bangkok office de-

Arafat mediation Penh reference to his appeal to pucheans struggling to end a de-cade of guerrilla war have asked

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) acted as an intermediary for the exiled prince to set up meetings with the PRK Phnom Penh said it and Prince in France last December, his Norodom Sibanouk, head of the office aid.

The talks between Sihanouk and PRK Premier Hun Sen, the only direct meetings between the warring Kampuchean factions since Hanoi's 1978 intervention Kampuchea (PRK) approves of the appeal by Prince Sihanouk to ignited the guerrilla war, were inconclusive.

Non-Aligned Movement members are split over support for guerrillas and the PRK. Vietnam has rejected a U.N. role in a settlement because the United Nations recognises Sihanouk's coalition which includes the Khmer Rouge. Indonesia has proposed Jakar-

ta as a venue for talks in July between the three guerrilla factions, the PRK and Vietnam. Western diplomats in Bangkok said it was unclear whether the talks would occur because the

parties had set conflicting condi-

tions for participation.

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanese authorities Tuesday probed reports that toxic chemical waste from Italy, possibly radioactive, had been illegally dumped near

Justice officials in Lebanon said they had questioned the agent who imported 22 tonnes of chemicals in containers and barrels discovered on waste ground at Ghazir, 25 kilometres north of

|Kampuchea seeks | Lebanon investigates

The scare over toxic waste from Italy is the second this week. On Sunday a Nigerian newspaper said 1,200 tonnes had been dumped in a south Nigerian Lebanese security sources said

the chemicals were unloaded on the coast near Ghazir from the Czechoslovak freighter Radhost in mid-May.

Italian ecologists say the Milan company Jelly Wax, already at the centre of a chemicals dumping storm, used the Radhost to export waste to Venezuela last year but it was turned back.

The same company faces criticism over a cargo of toxic waste on the freighter Zanoobia which returned to Italy after being rejected on four continents.

toxic waste dumping

The Lebanese officials said they were waiting for the results of tests on the chemicals, which local newspapers said could be radioactive.

The Beirut daily Al Diyar said the consignment had switched ships several times and was once on board the Zanoobia. The toxic cargo had already been rejected by Venezuela and Lebanon, it

businessmen had recently tried to buy land to use as a toxic waste dump. The country has numerous un-

regulated ports along its coastline sums of money to where such cargoes could be im-

Al Diyar quoted residents as saying one of the barrels had leaked and caught fire, burning

for four days.
It quoted an Italian expert as saying the contents included de-

foliants, pesticides and other Lebanon's acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss headed an emergency meeting Monday with

officials in charge of the investigation to discuss the case. Nigeria's .Sunday Guardian newspaper said two consignments of "foul-smelling" waste had been brought to Nigeria by ship

from Italy in November and March this year. The paper said it had been told

the waste - some of it too hot to touch — had been rejected by Romania, Venezuela and Bul-Officials said some Lebanese

European and U.S companies which are prevented by environmentalists from dumping waste at home are said to be offering large sums of money to governments

## Arab summit opens with call for support for uprising

(Continued from page 1) could as they struggled heroically, offering legendary sacrifices, to grasp their freedom from ugly colonial occupation," he said. "We are gathered here today

to recognise another noble event. this time staged by the Arab Palestinian people through a brave revolution against another occupation.

...Just like the Algerian revolution united Arabs, the Palestinian revolution on the occupied Palestinian soil is uniting our feelings. We stand behind the Palestinian cause until the restoration of the Palestinians' legitimate and national rights."

The King said the Palestinian uprising constituted a source of pride to the Arab Nation. "We strongly support the Palestinian uprising and hope that their endeavour will be crowned with success," the King said.

"May God assist us in making the decisions that will consolidate your revolution as the path to liberation and dignity," he said.

Recalling that Amman hosted an extraordinary Arab summit in-November and the Arab leaders gathered there arrived at consen-, sus and agreement, the King said: "Now we meet in Algiers and, hope to succeed in discussing proper measures to confront the Zionist challenge and continued aggression."

The King expressed hope that the summit would be characterised with success and would achieve national aspirations crowning the work of the Amman

The King praised the decision of Algeria and Morocco to restore diplomatic relations, congratulated the people of the two countries and expressed hope for more conesion and solidarity in the Maghreb and throughout the Arab Nation.

The opening session of the summit was also addressed by the president of Gabon, current president of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) who was a guest of honour at the conference, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi.

Arafat pledged that "our people swear before you to continue the struggle and the intifada until victory.

Arafat reiterated the Palestinians' demands, "the right to return (to Palestine), the right to self-determination and right to create an independent state with Jerusalem as its capital."

After Arafat's speech. Benjedid adjourned the meeting that will resume behind closed doors at 0900 GMT Wednesday.

The task before the Arab leaders in Algiers looked easier than expected Tuesday after a PLO spokesman hinted the organisation would not seek explicit rejection of the latest U.S. peace plan for the Middle East. "No Arab leader has accepted

it... since the United States does not take into consideration the rights of Palestinians, whatever proposals they put forward are dead," spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif told reporters in response STATE TO SERVICE to questions on whether the PLO wanted outright rejection.

ner die War grafte War In his opening speech, Ben-jedid reaffirmed decisions reached by previous Arab sumunits on the Arab-Israeli conflicts and outlined the Arab view of a peace settlement and the means

Benjedid said that Arab condi-

tions for peace were: It should be negotiated at an international conference with full decision-making powers;

- All interested parties, including PLO, should participate; - Participants should include all five permanent members of the United Nations Security

- The conference should have full authority to reach a comprehensive solution to the Middle East conflict;

- The settlement should ensure the return of Israeli-occupied Arab territories;

- The solution to the Palestinian problem should guarantee the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the establishment of an independent state of their own.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian news agency WAFA released a statement issued by the underground leaders of the uprising in the occupied territories calling for increased guerrilla attacks against

"The Palestinian masses of the uprising are waiting for you to fulfill your responsibilities through political, financial and normal support for the uprising and the PLO," the statement

"Palestinians in the host Arab countries should be allowed to establish institutions and unions, to be incorporated into the ongoing struggle against the Zionist enemy," it said.

The opening of the summit was preceded by intense consultations among the Arab leaders gathered here. Most of the heads of state and representatives arrived here tate Monday or early Tuesday for the conference.

Libyan leader Muammar summit.

Oadhafi and Morocco's King Hassan were the last to arrive. The Libyan leader disembarked from his aircraft wearing around his neck a chequered Palestinian kaffieh embroidered with the colour of the Palestinian flag.

Tens of thousands of waving, cheering Algerians gave King Hassan an emotional welcome as he arrived in a gleaming white huxury liner.

It was the monarch's first visit to Algeria in 15 years and came three weeks after the two countries reestablished diplomatic re-

The Marrakech, its top deck converted into a royal suite and with a helicopter parked on the boat deck, was escorted into Algiers Bay by an Algerian gunboat as fire-fighting tugs sprayed water into the air and sounded their foghorns.

King Hassan, waving to crowds holding pictures of the King and Benjedid, then reviewed a guard of honour before leaving with Benjedid in a 15-car motorcade flanked by outriders.

King Hassan's decision to personally seal the reconciliation with Algeria raised the prospect of a separate meeting of the five Maghreb leaders during the Arab

## Rafsanjani reelected speaker

NICOSIA (R) -- The Iranian parliament Tuesday reelected deputy armed forces chief Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as speaker, Tehran's news agency IRNA said.

In the Majlis (parliament) 187 members voted for Rafsanjani, 10 against and five abstained, IRNA, received in Cyprus, said.

Rafsanjani, who has held the post for eight years, had been acting speaker prior to the ment since the 1979 revolution overthrew the shah. The 54-year-old clergyman is

seen by experts as an increasingly powerful and pragmatic figure among Iranian leaders as the country faces military, social and economic problems. Iranian spiritual leader

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini appointed Rafsanjani to the deputy military command June 2 and Khomeini's heir apparent, Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, said Monday he should relinquish all other posts.

Montazeri said the war with Iraq had lasted nearly eight vears because Iran had "no planning, coordination and single command," in the military.

## Starvation kills over 200 in south Sudan

KHARTOUM (R) --- An official reported Tuesday that more than 200 refugees had starved to death in the southern Sudanese town of Wan and appealed for urgent help for thousands more

Commissioner Pio Tem told the Khartoum daily Al Sudani he had notified Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi of the death of 215 people from starvation in Wau, the capital of Bahr Al Ghazal region.

Tem, acting governor of Bahr Ai Ghazal, also called for urgent aid to be sent to the town where he said 15,000 refugees had arrived and were waiting to go north in search of food.

The deaths brought to more than 1,000 the number of people reported to have died from starvation in the last two weeks in Bahr Al Ghazal, believed the southern region worst hit by

About half of the six million southerners are estimated by relief officials to have fled to other parts of Sudan or neighbouring Ethiopia to escape food shortages and civil war. The Sudan People's Libera-

tion Army (SPLA) has fought government forces since 1983 to end what it sees as domination of the mainly animist and Christian south by the mostly Muslim and Arab north. Western diplomats, mean-

while, said a Red Cross plan to deliver food to government and rebel-held areas in the south with approval from both sides had run into last-minute snags. A plane carrying an Inter-

national Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) team to survey three government-held towns remained at Khartoum airport Tuesday, three days after arrivThe ICRC in Khartoum im-

posed a news blackout on the survey operation, which was scheduled to begin over the weekend with an ICRC team from Kenya simultaneously checking rebel-held areas. "They (the ICRC) are in the

middle of negotiations with the government and the SPLA to overcome last-minute problems," a senior Western diplomat told Reuters. "I cannot say

Relief officials and diplomats said the ICRC wanted to avoid a repeat of extensive publicity given to a 1986 international relief campaign for the south which was halted soon after its start.

A senior relief official who visited southern Kordofan region this week told Reuters Tuesday that at least 30,000 destitute

people from Bahr Al Ghazai had converged on several towns

He said refugees were still pouring into the Kordofan, which lies on the main refugee route from the south to the

"There are a fair number of kids and old people dying ' be said, adding that there." people left in Bahr Al Chazal faced the choice of staying and dying of starvation or walking for four or five days in the hope of reaching Kordofan. "I guess it is not much of

choice," he said. The United Nations Chil-

dren's Fund (UNICEF) and other aid agencies were attempting to store as much food as possible in Kordofan before rains prevent trucks from reaching the area, he said.

## U.S. Senate votes down move to end Gulf convoys

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The U.S. Senate Monday voted down a move to end navy escorts the Iranians to continue their for American-flagged Kuwaiti attacks in the Gulf and would

latest in a series of debates rerole in the Gulf counled with an unwillingness to undercut the administration's policy in the strategically important region.

The administration last year gave 11 Kuwaiti tankers American flags, entitling them to U.S. navy protection from Iranian attack.

The move to end tanker escorts was proposed by Democrat Brock Adams in a resolution that also called for invoking the 1973 War Powers Act, which gives Congress a voice on continuing deployment of U.S. forces in hostile situations.

But Democratic leader Robert Byrd asked the Senate to defeat the resolution on a point of order. Although he opposed U.S. policy in the Gulf, he said, "now to take action would create a bad perception around the world and I think it would be a mistake at

this point."

Republican John McCain said the resolution would encourage tankers in the Gulf after Sept. 18. "send the wrong message at the The 54-31 vote followed the wrong time to the wrong people."

Adams said the arrangement flecting concern over the U.S. meant that the United States was ig an Bily with Iran. His resolution cited a U.S.-Iran flareup last April that began when the U.S. frigate Samuel

Roberts was badly damaged by an Iranian mine in the southern Gulf. The U.S. navy responded by destroying two Iranian oil rigs, touching off daylong-fighting involving warships and aircraft of

both sides. "If ever there was a time that the War Powers Act applies, this

is it," Adams said. The War Powers Act restricts a president's right to send U.S. military personnel to areas of 'imminent hostilities' and would, under some circumstances, require them to be with-

drawn within 60 or 90 days. Reagan, as have all his predecessors, argues that the law is an unconstitutional restriction.

#### U.S.: Awad was given 'due process' by Israel WASHINGTON (R) - The Un-

ited States said Monday Palestinian-American activist Mubarak Awad was given due process in appeal of an expu to Israel's supreme court.

But State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said Washington continued to urge Israel's government not to carry out the order, which was upheld by the court Sunday.

"We think he was given an opportunity to present his case in the Israeli courts," Oakley told reporters.

A three-judge panel rejected Awad's argument that as an Arab born in Jerusalem he had a right to live in that city.

The Israeli occupation authorities had ordered Awad's expulsion on grounds he posed a threat to "security and public order" because of his support for Palestinian resistance to Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza

The United States protested made our views on this action against the expulsion, arguing clearly known."

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Mubarak Awad

Awad was a moderate who preached not violence but civil disobedience.

Secretary of State George Shultz, in the Middle East to promote a U.S. peace initiative, raised the Awad issue with top Israeli officials at the weekend. Oakley said Israeli Prime

make the final decision on whether the expulsion order against Awad was carried out. "I'm saying it's within his authority as we understand it to carry out the deportation order,"

she said, adding that "we've

Minister Yitzhak Shamir would

## CBJ announces new measures

(Continued from page 1)

the regulations in force within the range of the daily CBJ bulletin. All banks and financial com-

announcement. applicable to foreign currencies not mentioned in the CBJ bulletin nor shall they be applicable to banking transactions opened in

#### foreign currencies. Interest rates amended

ceiling on deposits, provided that the tenor of the certificate is not less than three months and its

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## King hopes for summit success

(Continued from page 1) Union) on convening an inter- the summit's agenda and matnational peace conference, the King said.

The King Tuesday met with

leaders of delegations attending the extraordinary Arab In a meeting with Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, the King reiterated Jordan's firm stand in

support of Iraq in its war with Iran and praised Iraq's efforts to defend Arab interests. King Hussein and Ramadan stressed the need for the Arab Nation to bolster joint action and deepen the spirit of solidarity among Arab countries.

changed views on the topics on ters of mutual interest to Jor-

dan and Algeria. Later King Hussein conferred with Mauritanian President Maaouya Ould Sid'Ahmad

The King met also with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat in the presence of the members of the Jordanian and Palestinian delegations. Later, he met with South Yemen's head of state Haidar

Abu Bakr Al Attas, Sudanese

Head of State Ahmad Ali Al

Mirghani and Thweini Ibn Shaahab, representative of Sultan Oaboos of Oman. The meetings were attended by the Jordanian delegation.

## li Benjedid with whom he ex-

King Hussein earlier met with Algerian President Chad-

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Another memorandum issued by the CBJ Tuesday excluded the interest rates on certificates of deposits from the interest rates value is not less than JD 1,000. The memo also excluded all commissions on direct credit faci-

The CBJ governor also decided that the interest rates ceiling on customers' deposits in Jordanian Demand deposits or one week

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# Expert proposes world currency

NEW YORK (AP) - A world currency must be created under the auspices of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and the World Bank, says U.S. investment adviser John Winthrope Wright.

The problem now, according to world can create dollars simply by making loans denominated in the U.S. currency.

They need no permission from the United States. Unlike U.S. banks, which are regulated by the Federal Reserve — the American central bank - these banks are under no restrictions from U.S. monetary authorities.

U.S. banks can create dollars too, but the Federal Reserve (Fed) limits the amount they can create by raising or lowering reserve requirements. That is, they must have a certain amount of dollar deposits to back up their

loans. Sometimes the Fed pursues a tighter money policy by requiring a higher ratio of deposits to loans. At other times it follows an easier money policy, allowing a greater number of dollars to be created

But the Fed does little or no-Wright, is that banks around the thing to restrict such activities by foreign banks, whose activities can have a serious, usually negative, impact on the U.S. economy. In fact, it has already happened several times.

The situation is anarchy, says Wright, citing the imbalances in world trade and inflation rates that have developed along with the explosive growth of international trade, finance and communications.

Wright points out that there is no governing regulatory authority over foreign-exchange rates and over the amount of money and credit available to finance world trade and emerging economies.

'Incomprehensible,' says Wright. A businessman as well as economist — he founded Wright Investors Service, fiduciary for trust accounts in the billions of dollars - he has warned about the problem for years.

Nothing has been done, Wright says. He has spoken to his financial friends abroad about the situation. He has spoken to prestigious audiences, such as the Economic Club of Detroit. He has spoken to the Fed.

Almost everywhere but at the latter he has received support for his thesis that a world currency must be created.

Each nation would be sovereign of its own currency, but each nation's banks would be prohibited from making new loans in any currency other than its own or in the world currency, to be called International Currency Units.

Thus, restraint could be brought to the unregulated creation of money, especially dollars. that can be so disruptive to economic stability in the form of inflation, trade imbalances and volatile exchange rates.

Great damage aiready has been done to the United States, Wright

From 1970 to 1973, Wright explains, the number of dollars circulating around the world doubled. The doubling wasn't a result of the domestic economy overheating, it was the result of what was happening in Europe.

At that time European banks began making loans denominated in dollars, the incentive for them being a higher rate of interest.

"They didn't even need to have the dollars on deposit." says Wright. "All they needed was the promise to repay in dollars."

## Bankers stress global harmony

CHICAGO (AP) -- Global harmony is the key to fighting inflation, reducing trade imbalances and achieving growth among the world economies, a meeting of international bankers stressed Monday.

Finding the right policy mix was one of several matters discussed at the 34th annual International Monetary Conference.

The conference seeks to provide leaders of the top commercial banks in about two dozen countries with a chance to conferwith government officials on topics affecting the world economy as a whole and the international banking industry in particular.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker were among those attending a series of closed-door "think sessions" and speeches along with more than 100 chief executives from banks

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worldwide during the three-day conference.

At the opening session Monday, bankers reiterated the need for worldwide economic coordination. Texts of their prepared remarks were made available to

reporters. We should not think in narrow, national terms. We need global coordination in our actions." Walter Seipp, president of the International Monetary Conference, said in prepared opening remarks.

For example, "if a deficit country reins in domestic consumption too much, a recession can result," Seipp said. "On the other hand, if domestic demand in surplus countries is stimulated too much. this could then create the threat

of renewed inflation." "Each of the problems in question is a matter of common concern, in that each has spillover consequences for the other,"

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added Michel Camdessus, chairman of the International Monet-

ary Fund.

The bankers, though, outlined some of the obstacles standing in the way of global harmony -

among them, politics. "Even when there is agreement on the objectives ... there may well be difficulties in undoing arduously worked out domestic compromises, or in obtaining timely domestic action where policy-making is decentralised.

Camdessus said. Specifically, he called upon the United States to reduce its large federal budget deficit.

Europe and Japan should work toward stimulating their economies, he said.

In addition, debtor countries should pay more attention to developing sound economic policies and reforms, he said.

Former Bank of Japan governor Haruo Mayekawa noted that worldwide economic expansion has been steady over the past six years, with industrialised intries as a whole posting more than three per cent annual growth over that period.

However, Mayekawa warned that inflationary pressures and trade imbalances could hamper future growth. Mayekawa, who headed an influential commission in 1986 that recommended Japan shift from export growth to sti-mulation of its domestic economy, is chairman of Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co. Ltd. in Tokyo.

## Arab oil states lose \$18b annually

KUWAIT (AP) - The Organisa-tion of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said Tuesday that its members are losing \$18 billion annually as a result of the decline in the value of the dollar.

The group called for the replacement of the U.S. dollar with a basket of currencies in calculating oil prices.

l'oday, as the dollar's exchange rates approach their trough, we reiterate our call to consider adopting an alternative system for pricing oil, starting with the idea of a basket of currencies," OAPEC said in the editorial of the June issue of its monthly bulletin.

"In this way, we may be able to protect our economies from oscillations in world financial markets, because these only exacerbate the problem already facing us as a result of fluctuating oil prices." it said.

The Kuwait-based organisation groups together Saudi Arabia. Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Algeria and Libya, along with Syria, Bahrain and Tunisia. The first seven double as members of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The editorial said that if the Arab oil-exporting countries had taken measures to protect their economies from such exchange fluctuations, the drop in the value of the dollar would not have been so detrimental to their econo-

OAPEC calculated that the decline of the dollar resulted in a loss to its members of \$5 per barrel, or '\$50 million per day.

"In other words, the annual loss resulting from the dollar's decline exceeds the national income of many Arab countries (at least \$18 billion per annum)," the OAPEC editorial said.

#### W. German utility firm to buy Texaco subsidiary

ESSEN, West Germany (R) -West Germany's largest power company said Monday it will buy Texaco Inc.'s German operations for \$1.23 billion.

Rheinisch-Westfaelisches Elektriziataetswerk A.G. (RWE) Management Board Chairman Friedhelm Gieske told reporters that Texaco's directors and his firm had agreed on that price. Texaco aims to sell \$5 billion of assets in a major restructuring. U.S. investor Carl Icahn who is bidding \$14.57 billion to take over the American oil giant says he wants an even wider reorganisation of the company.

Icahn already owns nearly 15 per cent of Texaco.

## AFM attracts JD 600m in capital investments during last ten years

Financial Market (AFM) succeeded in the last 10 years to collect more than JD 600 million in capital investments to serve the national economy, according to AFM Director General Hashem Sabbagh.

He said that this capital has been invested in new companies or used to expand companies already operating in the Kingdom.

Sabbagh said that gathering capital and employing it in projects to bolster the national economy remains as the AFM's prime objective.

At present, at least 600,000 shareholders or buyers and sellers take part in the AFM activitives in contrast with 180,000 ten years ago. The AFM has contributed positively towards spreading public awareness about investments and Stock Markets which is based and helped to rationalise public in Amman.

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman expenditure and reduce spending on non-essential commodities Sabagh noted.

Sabbagh referred to the AFM's cooperation with other Arab financial markets and said that the AFM helped the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain to lay down the basic laws and statutes for their own financial mar-

Bahrain's market is expected to commence operations in September 1988, Sabbagh added.

He said that the AFM also laid down the infrastructure for the Omani market and offered training to staff to be employed at the financial markets in Kuwait, Sudan and Turkey.

The AFM, Sabbagh noted, has been cooperating with existing Arab financial markets through the Federation of Arab Financial

## Nearly 20 firms set up plants at industrial city

industrial firms have embarked on setting up installations and an official announcement by the Jordanian Industrial Estates Corporation (JIEC).

The announcement said that these firms will be setting up plants for food processing, textiles and the manufacture of drugs and pharmaceuticals, chemical and electrical appliances.

The announcement said that nine other Jordanian industrial companies have been operational at SIC since the beginning of 1988. producing plastic products, materials used in packing and packaging process, textiles ad dairy pro-

A total of JD 70 million in

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) - Twelve capital has been invested in the Sahab Industrial City so far, according to the JIEC. The capiterecting buildings for their opera- al financed projects which now tions at the Sahab Industrial City employ 2.500 workers and (SIC) near Amman, according to opened the way for increased operations by local transport companies, a JIEC spokesman said.

He added that the Sahab Industrial City now houses 76 newly created and old industrial businesses which were originally set up in other areas of Jordan.

According to the JIEC official, preparations have been made for organising Jordan's permanent industrial exhibition at Sahab Industrial City.

He said that the corporation has requested participating companies to provide samples of their products to be displayed at the exhibition which is designed to boost sales and exports.

## Islamic investors plan huge rally in Egypt

CAIRO (R) — Four of Egypt's in the hands of the people."

At a later news conference plan a mass rally next week in Hussein and Rayan-owner response to a draft law to put Ahmad Tawfik Abdul Fattah said strict controls on their business the four firms had sent a joint affairs, company officials said Monday.

Al Rayan, Honda-Misr, Al Saad and Al Badr Islamic investment companies are calling on their depositors — estimated to number as many as 600,000 — to meet on June 12 to forge a joint response to the proposed government measures.

"We will say to the people: This is the new law — what do you intend to do?"," Tarek Abu Hussein, owner of Honda-Misr, told Reuters. "The matter is now

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telegram to President Hosni Mubarak Sunday requesting a meeting.
Abdul Fattah said it would be

impossible for him to operate under the new regulations, which were approved by the cabinet Saturday for later discussion by the parliament.

The draft law allows the privately-owned firms a year to turn themselves into public companies that issue "investment deeds" to depositors.

It gives the government wide power to limit and monitor the activities of the companies.

Abdul Fattah said it would be impossible to liquidate within two years, as the draft law would require for those who wished to cease business.

"If we all liquidate at once, the market will collapse. Prices will come down like crazy," he said, adding that he would need 10

years to disband his operation. Owners of Islamic investment firms, who together control billions of dollars in Egyptian savings, say the draft law would give officials arbitrary power to interfere in their businesses and shut them down.

Government officials say the law is not hostile to the owners. They maintain it would safeguard depositors, who have had no previous statutory protection but have enjoyed higher returns on their deposits than those offered by banks.

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LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

U.S. dollar 1.8115/25 One Sterling Canadian dollar 1.2305/15 One U.S. dollar Deutschemarks 1.7110/15 Dutch guilders 1.9213/23 Swiss francs 1.4255/65 35.79/84 Belgian francs 5.7825/75 French francs Italian lire 1272/1273 Japanese yen 125.65/75 Swedish crowns 5.9880/9930 Norwegian crowns 6.2520/70 6.5230/80 Danish crowns U.S. dollars 463.10/463.50 One ounce of gold

#### **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**

SYDNEY - Prices closed easier but off their lows in active trading as investors took profits after two sessions of solid gains. The All Ordinaries index closed down 4.3 at 1,595.4.

TOKYO - Prices were lower, breaking a two-day winning streak. as profit-taking and concern over recent rapid advances took hold. The Nikkei index closed down 28.92 at 27,967.32.

HONG KONG - Prices were slightly lower after big gains Monday. One broker said he thought the market had reached a new base. The Hang Seng index lost 3.36 to 2,587.03. SINGAPORE - Prices were marginally lower on lack of

follow-through buying support after nine sessions of gains. The Straits Times industrial index fell 3.93 to 1,031.19. BOMBAY — Brokers boycotted trading in protest at a violent

demonstration by workers pressing pay demands. FRANKFURT - Shares eased on a technical reaction sparked by the weaker dollar and dealers reported greater caution among investors. The Commerzbank index, set at mid-session, was down

7.4 as 1,405.5. **ZURICH** — The market was slightly lower, reflecting the weaker dollar and profit-taking after recent gains. The All Share Swiss index lost 4.8 to 841.6.

PARIS - Prices were initially firmer, with attention on shares which had been subject to speculative buying. The 50-share ntor was up by 0.65 per cent

LONDON - Prices drifted down in sluggish business after Wall Street's early retreat. The fall ended a run of five consecutive gains. At 1421 GMT, the FTSE 100 share index was down 12.9 at

NEW YORK - Stocks were lower as inflationary concerns resurfaced with a further rise in commodity prices. Investors were also nervous about the prospect of higher interest rates. The Dow lost nine to 2.066.

#### **ECONOMIC BRIEFS**

#### Iraq, UAE sign trade, cooperation accord

ABU DHABI (R) — Iraq and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) signed an agreement Monday to boost trade and economic and industrial cooperation. A statement after a two-day meeting of a joint ministerial commission said the two countries would work to develop two-way trade worth \$65 million a year, divided equally. Under the accord, which also covered information, culture and tourism, they pledged to try to remove obstacles to the flow of

#### Melee hits Bombay Stock Exchange

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - The Bombay Stock Exchange, India's largest, was shut down Monday afternoon after disgruntled exchange workers, agitating for higher pay, attacked brokers on the trading floor, the United News of India (UNI) reported. The news agency said 12 brokers were injured in the melee. The workers burst into the third-floor trading ring despite security guards at the door and on the floor, UNI said. Police were called to restore order, it added. UNI said the workers later were assured by stock exchange officials that their demand for a pay raise would be considered. The market, in the doldrums for months, has been recovering in recent weeks following widespread approval of the Indian government's 1938-85 budget and its new import-export policy, which liberalises trade regulations for many industries.

#### South Africa allows Islamic banks

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South Africa has agreed to licence one or two Islamic banks which will not charge interest on loans. Foreign Minister Pik Botha said. Botha said he had pressed South Africa's central bank to grant a licence for such a bank, because he understood the Muslim religious prohibition on charging interest. When the Reserve Bank agreed, however, differences emerged among South African Muslims. "It is a sensitive matter but I believe at least one bank will be created, and perhaps two, to resolve the matter," Botha told the House of Delegates, the house of parliament for Asians under South Africa's race-based tricameral system.

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#### Vasco leads Rio State Soccer tournament

RIO DE-JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) Vasco de Gama defeated
 Americano I-0 Sunday to take the lead in the third round of the Rio State Soccer Championship. All-star centreforward Romar-

io, scored the lone goal on a rebound at 3 minutes on a chilly afternoon that drew only 12,000 fans to Rio's Maracana stadium. Americano players complained that Romano was offside, and the videotape replay showed that he

indeed was, but the referee upheld the goal. The victory gave Vasco the sole lead in the tournament's third round, among the four teams that

had the most total points in the first two rounds. Flamengo and Fluminense tied 0-0 Saturday

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Flamengo and Vasco, the winners of the first and second rounds, already have qualified for the finals and can obtain a 1-point advantage if either one also wins the third round. Fluminense and Americano must win the third round to reach the finals.

The next scheduled matches are between Vasco and Fluminense Wednesday, and Flamengo and Americano Thursday.

In Sao Paulo, six clubs have

qualified for the eight-team semi-imal playoffs, with one game remaining in the regular season. Corinthians, Santos, Sao

Paulo, Ponte Preta, Internacional and Bandeirante have guaranteed berths in the semifinals, which start next week. Palmeiras, Guarani and Sao Jose are battling for the remaining two spots.

formance by All-star striker Mueller, defeated Mogi Mirim

Ponte Preta and International, already qualified for the semifinais, tied 1-1.

79 minutes.

in group B with 26 points

The bidding has proceeded: South West North Pass 1 NT Pass 3 7 Pass

A .- If you chose to bid only four

hearts, you are not valuing your

cards correctly. You have excellen

trump support, a ruffing value and

a wealth of controls. The way to

pass all that information to partner

s with a cue-bid of three spades.

your cheapest first-round control.

Q.5-Neither vulnerable, as South

#83 ♥75 ♦QJ63 #AJ1052

Pass

A .- Your choices are a slight under-

bid of two clubs, a stretch to three

clubs or one no trump. The latter is forward-going, showing about 8-11

points. Since a good deal of your

strength consists of secondary hon-

ors in opener's suit, three clubs is

clearly too aggressive. If you consid-

er that your most likely game—if

you have one—is in no trump, you

will be convinced that one no trump

**4K72** ♥95 ♦KQJ1052 483

forcing to game style, that shows a good suit but only invitational val-

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East

What do you bid now?

is superior to two clubs.

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#### **GOREN BRIDGE**

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

By Charles H. Goren & Omar Sharif now, partner will never believe you have four of them. Q.1- Neither vulnerable, as South Q.4-As South, vulnerable, you

you hold: ±3 ♥AKJ1052 ♦94 ±AKJ3 ♠A3 ♥AJ8 ♦KJ102 ♠A985 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East West Pass 1 ± Pass

Pass What action do you take? A .- Partner's bid is retrogressive, but you have not yet revealed the power of your hand. Since you would have shown 2 min opening bid with a six-card heart suit by rebidding two hearts at your second turn, a bid of three hearts now describes both the shape and strength of your holding.

Q.2-Both vulnerable, as South you **♠KQ7** ♥853 ♦A9832 **♣**J6 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

Pass What do you bid now? A .- Three no trump would seem like a better contract than five clubs-if partner has hearts stopped. Bid three spades. That does not promise a suit (partner would have rebid one spade with four) but shows values in that major while denying anything in the other. Partner's next bid will clear the air.

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The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 Pass 1 V Pass
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What do you bid now?
A.—If you can show a major suit at the one-level, you are obligated to do so. Don't even contemplate suppressing your spade suit because it is pressing your spade suit because it is too weak, and that one no trump is good suit but right. If you don't show the spades ues for game.

Sao Paulo, with excellent per-4-0 to clinch a playoff spot. Santos also qualified with a 1-0 victory over Uniao. Veteran mid-

fielder Mendonca scored the winning goal on a penalty kick.

Corinthians guaranteed its spot in the playoffs with a 1-0 win over 15 de Piracicaba. Midfielder Everton scored the game winner on an excellent individual play at

Bandeirante, already qualified, tied 1-1 with Portuguesa.

Surprising Sao Jose, coached by former All-star goalie Leao, took a big step toward qualififation with a 4-3 victory over Santo Andre. Sao Jose is in third place

#### Aouita to run in Helsinki Grand Prix

HELSINKI (R) - Morocco's world champion Said Aouita will run in the World Games Grand Prix in the Finnish capital later this month, the meeting's promoter said Monday. Aouita, world champion at 5,000 metres, will run either the 1,000 metres of the 1,500 metres at the meeting in the Olympic stadium June 30, promoter Kari Wauhkonen told a news conference. At last year's Helsinki meeting, Aouita, world record holder at 1,500 and 5,000 metres, ran the second-fastest mile ever in a time of three minutes 46.76 seconds. The one-day meeting will also feature three world champions in an eight-strong Bulgarian team. They are high jumper Stefka Kostadinova, Ginka Zagorcheva in the 100 metres hurdles and triple jumper Khristo Markov.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

LONDON (AP) - Top-ranked women's tennis player Steffi Graf

will have a royal opponent when she helps the women's

International Tennis Association (ITA) open its new European

office Friday. Graf, preparing for Wimbledon, is scheduled to

play Britain's Princess Diana at the exclusive Vanderbilt Club.

The princess, wife of the heir to the British throne, Prince

Charles, is a regular player at the club and an avid tennis fan.

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet tennis players due to leave Monday for a

Davis Cup match in Lisbon have not been granted visas and remained in Moscow, TASS news agency reported. TASS quoted

coach Shamil Tarpishchev as saying that even if the visas came through quickly, the delay would not leave the team enough time

to prepare for the three-day match starting Friday. The team for

the European zone B semifinal against Portugal includes Andrei

Chesnokov, a quarter-finalist at the French Open which ended in

DUESSELDORF. West Germany (R) - Italy's 20-man soccer

squad shrugged off a difficult journey at the start of their European Championship campaign and found time Monday to tie

up a few business deals. They arrived weary in Duesseldorf late

Sunday night, five hours behind schedule after their plane from

Genoa encountered technical problems and had to be replaced.

But it was soon work as usual. Gianluca Vialli, the 23-year-old

Sampdoria attacker heralded as one of the tournament's potential

stars, signed a three-year contract worth about \$1.8 million with a

boot manufacturer. Libero Franco Baresi concluded a deal with

the same firm, albeit a slightly less lucrative one. Trainer Azeelio

Vicini was relieved to see that defender Paolo Maldini and

midfielder Roberto Donadoni came through the first practice

session fully recovered from injuries. On Tuesday, the Italians

take on a local youth team. They open the championship finals

against West Germany in Duesseldorf Friday.

Travel-weary Italians turn to business

Soviet tennis players face visa problem

Graf to play Princess Diana

#### Houston Rockets coach fired

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston Rockets coach Bill Fitch, who led the Rockets to the National Basketball Association (NBA) finals in 1986, was fired Monday after five seasons. The Rockets announced they would begin an immediate search for a new head coach and personnel director, a dual position held by Fitch.

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1988

## YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

enjoy some social activities. whatever you can to cheer up an ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't associate who is feeling blue.

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do anything which could raise the ire of a superior today. Get together with friends for some much-needed recreation this svening.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Don't go off on any crazy tangents this morning, and you can get much accomplished. This is not a good time to make new acquaintances.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)
This is not a good day to make any important decisions, and avoid arguing over finances. Have a happy evening with your mate at home.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Don't let an argumentative co-worker ruin your good mood this morning. Go over written agreements, sud check for errors.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Ang. 21) Your work may seem too difficult today, but persevere and you will find it was all in your mind. This is a good time to plan a trip with a friend.

VIRGO (Ang. 22 to Sept. 22)
Although you may be in the mood

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A to have some fun, you would be considerable number of delays wise to stick to your work. Be could cause you some aggravation cautious in all business dealings. early today, but everything will be LIBRA Sept. 23 to Oct. 22 Calm as you like later in the day. This down before you react to an unplesevening would be an ideal time to sant situation at home. Do

#### Jordanian fails to snatch WBA title

LAS VEGAS (R) — American Virgil Hill retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) light heavyweight title with a unani mous decision over Jordanian Ramzi Hassan in a generally lacklustre performance by both

Hill, 24, threw more punches through the first five rounds, but none seriously hurt the 25-yearold Hassan.

The Jordanian came on a bit in the sixth round scoring with several combinations, but Hill shook his head, signalling that they had little effect on him.

Hill was warned several times in the scheduled 12-round bout for low blows, while the crowd of about 9,000 people booed the lack of action.

The American was the better boxer throughout, scoring with jabs to Hassan's head, but they did not appear to do any damage to the rugged Jordanian. Hassan, who was born in Jeru-

salem and now lives in California. countered well, but his punches, particularly his right hand, lacked any real power. Hill, who won a silver medal at

the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, won the title last September by stopping Leslie Steward of Trinidad. He raised his record to 22-0. while the Hassan's record is now

#### Barkley upsets Hearns

Iran Barkley came back from taking a beating to drop Thomas Hearns with a right cross and then pounded him through the ropes to win the World Boxing Council (WBC) middleweight title Monday.

Hearns, who made boxing history by winning titles in four weight divisions, opened up a cut over Barkley's eye in the first

Hearns, 29, went to work on Barkley's body in the second round, landing vicious punches to the ribs.

But Barkley, bleeding from the mouth and over both eyes, swarmed over Hearns in the opening seconds of the third round, throwing roundhouse rights and lefts. The crafty Hearns, however,

slowed his fellow American's onslaught with hard jabs and exchampion again began beating on Barkley's ribs. But Barkley, from the South

Bronx ghetto of New York, showed his toughness by fighting back and surprising Hearns with a thunderous right cross to the head. Hearns dropped to the seat of his pants, rolled on his side and managed to get up, his eyes glassy

Barkley, 28, blood flwoing down his face, jumped at Hearns, hitting him with fierce combinations, battering him against the ropes.

A fierce right uppercut sent the former champion through the ropes and only quick action by American referee Richard Steele, who stopped the scheduled 12rounder at two minutes 32 seconds of the third round, kept Hearns from falling over the edge LONDON (AP) -- Surprising even himself with the quality of his play, Pat Cash began his preparation for the defence of his Wimbledon men's singles crown Monday and brought memories of last year's centre court conquest flooding back. After just five hours of practice Cash, who beat Ivan Lendi to

on his favourite grass surface, the 23-year-old Australian went out and whipped South Africa's Pieter Aldrich 6-0, 6-1 in just 49 minutes to give the \$385,000 Queens Club Grass Courts

Championships a rousing start. The 10-year-old tournament, the main Wimbledon warmup event for men, also features Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg and Jimmy Connors.

take the Wimbledon title last year, showed his rivals he is in no mood to give it up as he swept past Aldrich, ranked 131st in the world, with almost contemptuous

Cash whips Aldrich, starts

preparations to defend title

"I could not have been happier today with the way I hit the ball in my first match on grass for almost a year," Cash said. "It was certainly better than I expected." Aldrich's best moment came in

the opening game when he had a break point on Cash's serve. But he missed his chance when he slipped over in the back court

trying to reach a forehand.

After that, he was simply blown away by Cash's big serve, deep or angled volleys and rifling passing shots.

As a match, it was as one-sided as any could be. All Aldrich could do was slip and slide on the damp grass and lunge his racket in vain. Most times, all it hit was

"The great thing about grass is that your clothes don't get all dirty," Cash joked, referring to last week's French Open, played on clay, where he was eliminated in round four by Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union.

## Saudi Arabia eyes on Olympic gold

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) -Saudi Arabia has pumped millions of dollars into conquering the desert, spudding it with factories, hospitals, schools and hotels and making it bloom with wheat fields in less than two decades. Now, it's shooting for

Olympic gold medals.

If the Saudis walk away from the Seoul Olympic Games emptyhanded, it won't be because they didn't try their best.

The Saudi government has hired Moroccan athlete Said Aouita, the Olympic champion long-distance runner, to groom three of Saudi Arabia's most promising athletes for Seoul. The Olympics are scheduled for Sept. 17 through Oct. 2.

Morocco, where Aouita will whip them into shape on his home turf through the summer. Seven other track and field

The runners have left for

athletes will train in Italy, the United States and West Ger-Although Saudi Arabia has

participated in the Olympics since the Munich Games in 1972, this is the first time athletes have been sent abroad to train. The move underlines the government's determination to

mould Saudi athletes into worldclass competitors. But it has a long way to go. So

far, no Saudi athlete has managed to win a medal. "We thought we had a chance with soccer in Lose Angeles, but we were unlucky in our first two matches," said Othman Al Saad.

Arabian Olympic Committee. The soccer team will stay home this year, but 15 other athletes will compete in track and field, shooting, tae kwon do, and archery events.

secretary-general of the Saudi

And while Al Saad doesn't have high hopes of victory this year, he's optimistic about the future of sports in Saudi Arabia. Unlike many other countries

trying to develop Olympic teams, Saudi Arabia has the hard cash to support its athletic aspirations to the utmost.

Over the last few years, it has built several sports facilities, including a small sports hospital and the impressive King Fahd International Stadium, an ultramodern, 500,000-square-yard (metre) edifice opened last

March with great fanfare. Also in the works is a "leaders' preparation institute," opened this year to turn out coaches, referees and trainers.

Saudi Arabia currently relies on foreigners to train its athletes: A Brazilian coaches the soccer team, the tae kwon do coach comes from Japan, and a Korean puts Saudis through their paces in

But that is sure to change: Not middle.'

because the kingdom can't afford their high fees, but because the country is determined to break free from its dependence on foreigners in all areas of society.

"Saudisation." as it is called, is now spilling over into athletics. Progress has been made, but Al Saad concedes that it will be some time before Saudi athletic

prowess will reach world-class standards. He noted that while Saudi teams stack up well in the Arab World, "if we go to the Asian level, we're somewhere in the

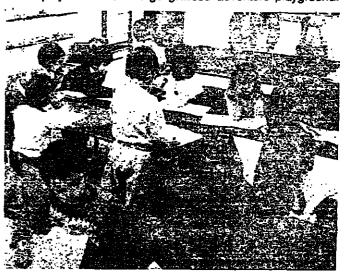
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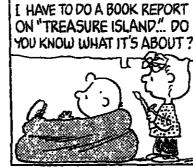
The ABS Kindergarten is now accepting registrations for the coming school year.

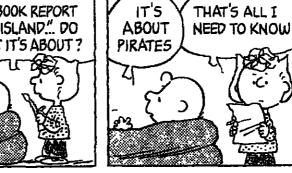
Children are taught bilingually, in Arabic and English, and through a carefully structured programme of activities gain competence in both languages in preparation for their entry to Junior School. The KG's resources include a well-equipped inside play area and a large grassed adventure playground.



Interested parents are welcomed to visit the school or call the Head of Kindergarten (Tel. 345572)

## **Peanuts**







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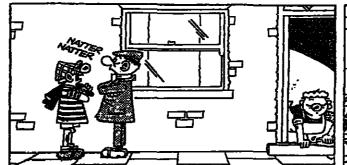








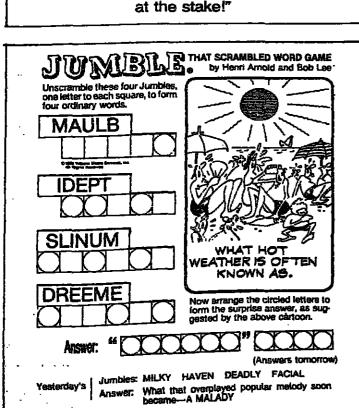
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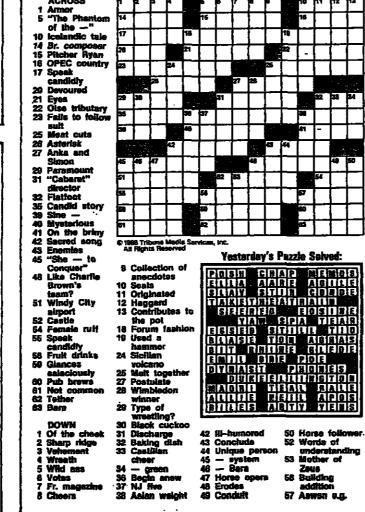












THE Daily Crossword by Kenneth Witte

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HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) -

Air Zimbabwe's wide-bodied ste-

wardesses have met a six-month

deadline to lose weight or stay on

the ground, a newspaper re-

ported Tuesday. The Herald said

flight attendants who were told in

December to trim down or face

permanent grounding have shed

their excess baggage. It did not

say how many were involved. In

December, the airline gave the Jumbo jet attendants the ultima-

tum after admitting that its cabin

crews outweighed those of most

other airlines. Officials said at the

time that some stewardesses were

so big their thighs bumped pas-

sengers as they walked between

the aisles. The newspaper, which

is published by government-own-

ed mass media trust. Tuesday

quoted an unidentified airline

spokesman as saying the stewar-

desses have lost weight and re-

sumed normal duties. Airline

officials declined to elaborate.

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# 7 killed as mass strike continues in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies) — Seven people have been killed in a surge of violence since black workers began a huge strike Monday, South African police reported Tuesday.

injured in numerous clashes around the country and police had opened fire on black crowds in three townships overnight.

The strike, backed by an estimated two million workers, entered its second day Tuesday with signs that some support had declined.

Transport officials reported commuter trains and buses carried more workers into Johannesburg, reaching about a third of the normal passenger load.

In the troubled township of Kwadengezi, unknown gunmen fired on a group of blacks, killing a seven-year-old girl, a 10-yearold boy and a woman, police said. Police fired birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas after blacks

barricaded Kwadengezi roads. Two youths were shot and fatally wounded by fellow blacks in another Natal township, Hammersdale, police said.

Reporters were barred from disclosing the full extent of the strike under sweeping emergency regulations and media lawyers advised journalists Tuesday to

**Minister** 

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resigns over

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Justice

Minister Anna-Greta Leijon res-

igned Tuesday following disclo-

sures that she authorised an unsu-

pervised freelance investigation

into the assassination two years

ago of Prime Minister Olof

Her resignation was intended

to head off a vote of no-confi-

dence in parliament that could

have toppled the minority gov-

ernment of Palme's successor,

"A majority in the Riksdag (parliament) has decided that I

should resign, and that leaves me no option," Leijon told a news

Carlsson said he regretted Lei-

ion's departure and would likely

appoint her to a new cabinet if his

Social Democratic Party is re-

turned to office after elections

one of the best, but she has made

one mistake, and the opposition

"She's been a great minister,

They said 25 people had been exercise extreme caution in reporting the protest.

There were clear indications of police concern about the way the strike had been covered by the media, they said.

The strike, called by the Black Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) to protest against a new labour bill and a crackdown on black political dissent, appeared to have wide support, especially in Johannesburg and the eastern cape.

This story was written under South Africa's state of emergency which imposes severe reporting restrictions.

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agitators," he said.

protest was poorly supported. Cape Town's chamber of commerce reported fewer than five per cent of the city's non-white workers stayed away from their

COSATU General Secretary Jay Naidoo told Reuters the strike had given the government dramatic proof of deep-seated

In some areas however, the June 12, 1986, to thwart a black revolt against apartheid.

A three-day strike would be

the longest nationwide protest

since an emergency was decreed

Apartheid is the policy of race discrimination that reserves power for South Africa's 5 million whites and denies the 26 million blacks a voice in national affairs.

The strike is the most ambitious opposition effort since the banning in February of political activity by major anti-apartheid

## black opposition to the two-year groups and the largest black state of emergency and proposals labour federation. Film shows children tortured in S. Africa

tured by security police and detained for months without charge, according to a new British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) documentary based on smuggled film.

The programme "Suffer the Children," due to be screened by the BBC Wednesday and shown in advance to journalists, alleges that more than 10,000 youngsters have been arrested and detained since the white-led government imposed a state of emergency in June 1986.

Up to 1,000 people, many of them children, were still behind bars, it says.

The film, made in late 1987. was smuggled out to avoid South Africa's tough press censorship laws. No official reaction was sought to the allegations it makes, the film's makers said.

The South African embassy said the BBC was considering a request for diplomats to be shown the film before it is transmitted. target because they represent a

LONDON (R) - Hundreds of he was detained without trial for South African children, some as two months, during which he was young as nine, have been tor- beaten, had four teeth knocked out, was thrown down stairs and

> "They put a baby's dummy in my mouth, pressed me against a wall and covered my head with a wet sack. They connected electric wires to my toes. My whole body was filled with the most serious pain, very painful," he said. He still suffers from severe headaches and temporary loss of sight.

One 13-year-old boy was arrested, questioned once and held for nine months without further interrogation before being released without charges.

Paul Verryn, a Methodist minister who helps children and families of detainees in Johannesburg's sprawling township of Soweto, said girls and boys of 13 were being tortured with electric shocks through the nipples, feet and genitals. Some of the victims

## S. Korean students battle police SEOUL, South Korea (AP) -

for tougher controls on black Radical students hurling firebombs and rocks barricaded "It has shown the opposition is streets and battled riot police not restricted to just a group of Tuesday as student leaders vowed to go ahead with a march to the COSATU, which called for a border with communist North three-day nationwide protest. Korea.

estimated that up to three million Fierce fighting erupted around workers staved at home Monday. Soongshil University when stu-Naidoo said a few workers redents shouting anti-government slogans poured out of the school turned to their jobs Tuesday but generally the strike was holding to attack riot police. Several officers hit by firebombs were Manpower Minister Pieter du covered in flames before other Plessis said the protest was illegal police extinguished the fires. and that workers who took part

Students had gathered to mourn a student who died Monday after setting himself on fire two days earlier in an anti-government protest.

"Down with the military dictatorship" and Yankee go home," masked students yelled as they hurled firebombs, rocks and bricks at police. Police hurled rocks in return.

Police rifle squads and armoured vans fired hundreds of rounds of tear gas, but they were forced back from the road in front of the school several times by students armed with wooden poles and iron bars.

Several police officers and students were injured by rocks and missiles, but police had no overall injury figures. Police did not report any arrests.

The front of the campus was draped in black mourning cloth and protest banners as students inside the school stood watch over the coffin of Park Rae-Chun, the third student to commit suicide since May 1.5 in an anti-government protest.

Another violent anti-government protest was reported Tuesday in the southern city of Taejon, where students tried to march out of Hannam University, but were driven back by riot

police firing tear gas.
Students held peaceful rallies at other colleges in Seoul and other cities to prepare for a planned march Friday to the border with North Korea to hold talks at Panmunjom with North Korean students on reunification of the divided Korean peninsula.



South Korean students mourn a classmate who committed suicide in anti-government protest this week.

## Indian troops begin withdrawal

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) -Indian troops began boarding homeward-bound ships in Trincomalee Harbour Tuesday, just after Tamil rebels blew up a jeep and killed an Indian soldier in what an Indian official called "a show of strength" to mark the withdrawal.

Sri Lankan military officers said the jeep was being used on patrol some 10 kilometres south of Trincomalee when the rebels detonated a mine under it. Four Indian soldier also were wormded.

"It was a show of strength by the rebels," said one officer, who cannot be identified under briefing rules. "It's a slap in the face."

The Indian High Commission, or embassy, in Colombo confirmed the attack but gave no

# Kandahar battle rages on

soldiers while they are withdraw-

ing from Afghanistan under an

The Mujahedeen, who would

like to prove they can take a

major position from the Soviet-backed Kabul government, are

reluctant to make a costly frontal

North of Kabul, Mujahedeen, said they occupied the Baghlan

area, which is on a Soviet with-

drawal route. But the main road

to Termez on the Soviet border

trouble within the government

arose from Najibullah's apparent

attempts to remove his rival, In-

terior Minister Sayed Moham-

Najibullah heads the Parcham

mad Gulabzoi, from power.

The diplomatic sources said

assault, the sources said.

remains clear, they said.

international accord.

ISLAMABAD (R) — Afghan Mikhail Gorbachev warned the government forces have fallen Mujahedeen not to harass his back to the final defence perimeter of Kandahar, tipped to be the first big city to fall to Mujahedeen, Western diplomatic sources said Tuesday.

In Kabul, a longstanding split in President Najibullah's government appears to have worsened and is causing concern for the Soviet Union, the sources said, quoting intelligence reports reaching Pakistan from Kabul.

Government troops had quit the outer two defence rings around Kandahar, in the far south, and were holding some rooftop positions in the city itself, the sources said.

Casualties among the troops were heavy, the sources said. One Afghan civilian in Kabul said he was told to look for the body of a relative among the corpses of 300 soldiers, all brought from Kandahar.

Another Afghan source reported a further 330 unburied bodies in Kandahar June 1. Some Soviet troops in the area, mainly around the airport, have also been killed. Soviet leader

(flag) Wing of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA). Gulabzoi leads the rival Khalq faction.
"The Soviet embassy is re-ported divided over Najibullah's

desire to oust Gulabzoi," said another source.

The Soviet command also appears unhappy with the quality of some of the troops who must

ers have hammered into shape a

land reform bill aimed at easing

poverty and curbing Asia's

from angry landowners, the bill is

to be put to a vote in the two-

chamber Congress after floor de-

bates starting Tuesday. Then it

goes to President Corazon

Aquino for signing into law. poss-

ibly before the legislature ad-

of debate and political horse-

The vote will end almost a year

journs June 10.

Watered down by amendments

largest communist insurgency.

Philippine land reform

seen as answer to rebels

MANILA (R) - After months of and Marila's landlord-dominated

bitter debate, Philippine lawmak- House of Representatives and

priorities.

defend the country alone against the Mujahedeen when the last Soviet soldier leaves.

#### 'Army is competent'

The Afghan army is fully able to defend the country against rebel forces provided there is no outside intervention, and Soviet troop withdrawals can proceed on schedule. Afghan leader Na-jibullah said Monday.

Najibullah denied reports the government had been forced by Mujahedeen to abandon some provincial areas, saying any troop movements were part of Kabul's effort to comply with the Geneva agreement on ending the Afghan

"Should the interference and intervention from abroad cease... I could tell you that the armed forces of the republic of Afghanistan are fully competent to have control over the situation," Naiibullah said in an interview with Visnews, the international television news agency.

Najibullah, here to address the United Nations General Assembly, came to New York following talks in Moscow with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

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sure long listed as one of her top

sugar and coconut land to more

than three million landless far-

Land reform has been anx-

iously awaited by most of the

Philippines' foreign friends, with

many governments making it

clear to Manila that future aid

mers over a 10-year period.

The bill would distribute 5.4

BURNSVILLE, Minnesota (AP) - The bedposts are artificial trees, and the suite's private whirlpool is nestled in a crop of synthetic rocks complete with a mini-waterfall. The walls are a deep-green painted forest. Welcome to the treehouse suite, part of the new fantasy wing of the Burnsville Royale Hotel. For 165 to 195 dollars at night, guests also can retire to an igloo, a whaling ship, a sheikh's tent, a California beach or any of a number of settings at this latest addition to Roger Dehring's growing chain of fantasy hotels. In the Moby Dock suite, guests are confronted with the wide-open mouth of a whale. The whirlpool — mandatory fare in the 12 fantasy suites — is inside the behemoth, ribs showing through a ceiling of whale sto-mach. "Pharoah's Tomb" puts you inside a pyramid with sandand cement-sprayed walls cracked to lend a more realistic look and feel.

#### Duchess' panthers on display

LONDON (AP) -- The Duchess of Windsor's Panthers and Egyptian jewels inspired by the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb are on display in London in the biggest exhibition ever of Cartier jewels. The 500 jewels and artistic objects, spanning the 141-year jewellery houses, are being shown for the first time in their entirety in the splendour of goldsmith's hall, where British bullion is stamped with the leopard's head hallmark. "This collection can compare to any collection of Faberge," said Eric Nussbaum, curator of the Cartier museum. "The difference is that Cartier is very much alive today while. Faberge became extinct after the

## trading between a liberal Senate analysts see as fundamental. Amritsar protestors block demolitions

AMRITSAR, India (AP) — At least 1,000 demonstrators stopped a proposed demolition of buildings in a 30-metre radius around the Golden Temple, Sikhism's holiest shrine, authorities

Most of the demonstrators, who stood in a road and kept demolition vehicles from reaching the site, were tenants of the affected buildings, an Amritsar district government official

The official, who insisted his name not be used, said senior government officers were negotiating with the demonstrators. "The demolitions will not begin until the problem is resolved," he

The demolitions are part of a plan to create a "security corridor" around the temple, which has been used in the past as a base by Sikh militants agitating for an independent homeland. Plans for the corridor were

launched after a 10-day police siege of the temple ended May The maze of alleys, shops and houses adjacent to the complex, provided cover for the rebels to

slip in and out. The demonstrators were demanding that they be provided alternate accommodation before they were evicted, the official

## Lighter may have sparked mine blast

BORKEN, West Germany (AP) - A prosecutor investigating the Borken mine explosion is looking into whether flame from a cigarette lighter sparked the disaster, a national television network said. Also, mine owners repeated

their defence of the rescue operation following the revelation that radio contact had been made with six missing miners just hours after Wednesday's blast but a radio operator told them to stop sending signals.

The six were discovered alive Saturday, after officials had been insisting there were no signs of life in the mine.

A total of 46 bodies had been found Monday, and rescuers were looking for five other mis-

Prosecutors are investigating whether an "open flame" may have ignited the gas explosion, the ZDF television network reported Monday night. ZDF, quoting unidentified officials, said cigarette lighters were found inside the mine.

In a later broadcast, the television network also said miners were known to have smoked on the job.

But a mining official expressed doubt.

"We have very strict regulations against smoking in the mine, and if someone were to be caught doing it they would be immediately fired," said Wulf Boettcher, an official with the Preussen Elektra Utility Company that operates the Borken time, we've recovered a sound

#### could be tied to visible progress on the issue most independent Russian revolution." Newman to open

camp for sick

children

ASHFORD, Connecticut (AP) - Actor Paul Newman reflected on his new camp for seriously ill children, saying the charitable venture has helped him regain the enthusiasm of his youth. "I'm pretty cool," Newman said Saturday. "I've seen a lot. I've been through a lot. I lost my cool today... I recaptured the enthusiasm of my youth. This is awesome." The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, a \$17-million project including the camp facilities and an endowment, was initiated by Newman in 1986 and is scheduled to open for children this month. Newman's food company, Newman's Own Incorporated, donated seven million dol-lars to the camp. He raised another 7 million from donations. The 120-hectare camp, nestled in the woods of northeastern Connecticut, is free for children with life-threatening diseases, ages 7 to 17. Newman said there is still room for more kids.

#### 4,000-year-old instrument found

ATHENS (AP) — It looks like a modern child's rattle, but it's made of clay and was piaced in a communal grave on the island of Crete almost 4,000 years ago. To archaeologists, the unique find from a Minoan cemetery outside the village of Arkhanes is a sistrum, a percussion instrument used at religious ceremonies in ancient Egypt. In more than 100 years of digging on Crete, the home of Europe's first high civilisation in the bronze age, nobody had ever unearthed a restorable musical instrument. "It's the first created by the Minoans.

#### could not overlook that," Carl-In the documentary, an 11- real threat to the present regyear-old boy, William, told how ime," Verryn said. Yugoslav economic crisis takes its toll on most youth

By Andrej Gustincic

BELGRADE - As young miners wept this month in parliament during a protest over pay curbs, the privileged youth of Belgrade sipped cocktails in

trendy discotheques. Communist Yugoslavia is in the throes of an economic crisis, but this hardly affects the lucky children of high officials living it up until six in the morning in fashionat:le Belgrade nightspots such as "Akapulko," "TP" and "Stupica." "I don't bother with politics," said Ana. 26, daughter of a Yugoslav diplomat, sipping

her martini in the Stupica as a jazz trio played George Gershwin's "Summertime." "I'd only get depressed," she said. "There's nothing I

can do about it (the crisis) anyway. Yugoslavia's 152 per cent

inflation, high unemployment, strikes and a \$21 billion foreign debt have severely dimmed the career prospects of its youth. Two-thirds of Yugoslavia's 1.12 million unemployed, out

of a population of 23 million, are first-time job seekers aged 18 to 30. Many young people take whatever work they can and live with their parents because of a severe housing shor-

As one economics student said: "We live from day to day."

But the children of government officials, former diplomats, executives, surgeons, architects and journalists who served abroad enjoy a privileged lifestyle. "We don't learn to be inde-

pendent like youth in the West," said Sanja, 25, clad in latest Italian fashious. She is the daughter of a government offi-

"We live with our parents.
They help us find work

through connections. There's a real family cult here.

"The thought of setting out on my own scares me," she added "lack of opportunity is just part of the problem. Many of the young elite in

Belgrade make nightly rounds of river barge restaurants on the River Sava and discos like "Nana," which hold private parties — by invitation only. "There's a lot of aimless buzzing around with friends and the like," Sanja said. "But

don't have much chance for advancement at work." Those with money can enjoy many Western benefits in Yugoslavia: Cafes, night clubs, members-only discos and rock concerts.

it helps let off steam when you

Foreign films, records and magazines and fashions are readily available, at a price. A visit to the garden of Belgrade's student centre reveals not only a cheerful mass of young people, but also clusters of expensive Suzuki and BMW motorbikes, which were hardly bought on official average salaries of less than \$200 a

The increasingly open Yugoslav media has exposed a series of corruption scandals, revealing how officials milk the system to build luxury villas and finance pleasure trips

For many, however, the

situation is much grimmer. May 25, the annual Youth Day and official birthday of the late Yugoslav leader Tito, was marked this year not only by costly officially-sponsored stadium festivities but also by a march of striking coal miners on the parliament.

The miners, paid on average \$220 a month, had been forced to take 20 per cent pay cuts under the government's new wages law, part of an antiinflation programme.

were as young as nine years. "Children have become a

Esref Mulic, a young miner, told officials in parliament:

"You wish us a happy Youth Day. But what kind of youth

can I have? My father died in

the pit. I slave for small wages,

while the children of some live

However, protests are beginning to be heard. The bleak

economic landscape has helped

to politicise a great section of Yugoslav youth over the past

two years and to turn them

nised republic of Slovenia have

formed movements advocating

such diverse causes as gay

rights and anti-conscription,

while Slovenian youth maga-

zines have raised the ire of the

establishment by lashing out at

such sacred topics as the army

In Bosnia, once the coun-

try's "conservative south"

where the entrenched lead-

ership was never criticised,

young people have demanded a purge of the old guard for

corruption and incompetence.

the economic crisis has caused

the country's youth to lose

faith in the party. Few are

willing to join now - they see

members is declining and the

party has estranged itself from

young people who want a party

which would initiate changes,

said a delegate at a recent

Croation party conference in

Another delegate said: "The

greatest contribution that

could be made by the older

generation who led the country

to the present crisis would be

Party delegate Goran Popo-

vic said that 50 per cent of

young people who joined the

party only did so to get pri-

vileges, rather than out of poli-

"The number of young

no prestige in membership.

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Cuba will not put restrictions on a United Nations Human Rights Commission it has invited for an inspection

tour, the official Cuban news agency said Monday. The delegation will have complete freedom of movement, the Prensa Latina news agency said, quoting an unnamed foreign ministry spokesman.
"The group will be able to visit jails or walk in the streets," the spokesman was quoted as saying in a dispatch monitored in Mexico City. Cuban President Fidel Castro invited the delegation after a more than year-long confrontation with the United States over human rights. His invitation killed a U.S.-sponsored resolution at the U.N. commission's annual winter session that would have implicitly criticised the state of human rights in Cuba.

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Cuba will not restrict human rights group

18 pirates killed in Philippine sea battle

MANILA (R) - Militiamen killed 18 pirates in a two-hour sea battle off an island in the far south of the Philippines, the military said Tuesday. One militiaman was wounded in the clash Sunday off Sibago Island between a boatload of militia guards and pirates armed with machine-guns and riding motorised outriggers. Pirates have long been a scourge in the south, seizing fishermen and their boats for ransom and stealing their catches.

Drug firms pay \$37 million in lawsuit

TOKYO (R) — Six Japanese drug companies will pay out a total 4.76 billion yen (\$37 million) to settle cases involving 93 people blinded by the side effects of a kidney medicine, company officials said Tuesday. The firms are to pay compensation to a total of 278 people, including the 93 patients who took the drug, Chloroquine, and their relatives, a spokesman for one of the companies, Takeda Chemical Industries Limited, said. Chloroquine was marketed in Japan from 1959 to 1974, as a medication for a number of kidney-related ailments. None of the companies would say how much they each would pay in damages. The Takeda spokesman said the awards would depend on the patient. The settlement clears up all outstanding Chloroquine, cases in Japan. The first was filed in 1975.

Ford says Meese should resign

WASHINGTON (R) — Former President Gerald Ford strongly suggested Monday that embattled Attorney General Edwin Meese should offer his resignation to President Reagan. Ford, a Republican who was defeated in the 1976 election by Jimmy Carter, was asked at a National Press Club luncheon if the controversial chief U.S. law enforcement officer should step down. "I strongly believe that a person in the cabinet or in some comparable post in the federal government, if he is challenged for alleged misdeeds - if his staying in office in any way undercuts or jeopardises the president or presidency — that individual should walk into the oval office and offer his resignation," Ford replied. A special prosecutor has been investigating Meese for more than a year. Allegations against him involve his financial dealings, the scandal-plagued military contractor Wedtech Corporation, and an aborted pipeline scheme in Iraq.

U.S. approves \$486 million arms sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government notified congress Monday it had approved a \$486 million arms sale to Japan involving the U.S. navy's most sophisticated shipboard air defence system. The defence department, in a series of announcements, also notified congress of additional arms sale plans involving South Korea, Greece and Turkey. Those deals combined will total about \$200 million. Assuming congressional approval, Japan will be allowed to buy the complete package of radars, vertical launching systems for missiles, satellite positioning gear and phalanx antimissile guns needed to build its own, so-called Aegis air-defence ship, the Pentagon said. "Installation of Aegis on a ship of the Japanese maritime self-defence force will enhance Japanese capability to protect its sea lines of communication," the Pentagon said. "It is in U.S. national interests to assist Japan in meeting these

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